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**SUMMARY:** One of the world's foremost experts in clean energy technology, with experience across corporate, public, & academic sectors: senior advisor to the Biden-Harris admin, CTO of a multibillion-dollar firm, physicist, professor, author.

## FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT

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<b>Biden-Harris Administration, Office of the Special Presidential Envoy for Climate</b> .....	2021 – Present
<i>Senior Advisor to Sec. John Kerry; Senior Director for Clean Energy, Innovation, and Competitiveness</i>	
<b>Columbia University, SIPA Center on Global Energy Policy, New York, NY</b> .....	2020 – Present
<i>Director, Global Energy Innovation Initiative; Senior Research Scholar, SIPA</i>	
<b>ReNew Power Limited, New Delhi, India</b> .....	2018 – 2020
<i>Chief Technology Officer</i>	
<b>Council on Foreign Relations, Washington, D.C.</b> .....	2015 – 2018
<i>Director, Program on Energy &amp; Climate; Philip Reed Fellow for Science and Technology</i>	
<b>McKinsey &amp; Company, San Francisco, CA</b> .....	2013 – 2015
<i>Senior Associate</i>	
<b>Office of Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Los Angeles, CA</b> .....	2012 – 2013
<i>Senior Advisor on Energy and Water Policy</i>	

## RECENT APPOINTMENTS, BOARD SERVICE, TEACHING, & CONSULTING

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- Board of Directors, Peridot Acquisition Corp. (Publicly listed, NYSE: PDAC)..... 2020 – Present
- Sr. Advisor, Camus Energy • Sr. Advisor, Radia, Inc. • Sr. Advisor, Greenpoint Partners..... 2020 – Present
- Adjunct Professor, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service..... 2016 – 2018
- Board Member, Stanford University Energy and Environment Institutes..... 2015 – Present
- Council Member, World Economic Forum Global Future Council on Energy Transition..... 2020 – Present
- Advisor to 2021 COP26 Climate Conference (One of 25 global “Friends of COP”) ..... 2020 – Present
- Strategic Advisor on Energy, Office of New York Governor Andrew Cuomo..... 2015 – 2017

## BOOKS

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- V. Sivaram, [\*Taming the Sun: Innovations to Harness Solar Energy and Power the Planet\*](#). MIT Press, 2018.
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## FEATURED ARTICLES, PRESS, AND TALKS

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- **Op-Eds/Short-Form:** [The New York Times](#), [The Washington Post](#), [Financial Times](#), [The Wall Street Journal](#)
- **Scholarly/Long-Form:** [Nature](#), [Nature Energy](#), [Nature Climate Change](#), [Joule](#), [Energy Policy](#), [Foreign Affairs](#), [Foreign Policy](#), [Scientific American](#), [MIT Technology Review](#), [Issues in Science and Technology](#), [Brookings Institution](#), [Journal of Applied Physics](#)
- **Media Reviews of my Books:** [The Economist](#), [Financial Times](#), [Bloomberg](#), [Nature](#), [Foreign Affairs](#), [Vox](#), [Bloomberg](#)
- **Media Interviews: (TV):** [BBC World News](#), [CNN\(1\)](#), [CNN\(2\)](#), [Bloomberg](#), [PBS NewsHour](#); **(Radio):** [NPR](#), [Marketplace](#)
- **Talks:** [TED \(1 million+ views\)](#), [CFR](#), [Aspen Ideas](#), [SXSW](#), [CERAWeek](#), [Nobel Institute](#), [TEDx](#), [Oxford Union](#)

## EDUCATION

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<b>Oxford University, United Kingdom</b>	<i>Doctor of Philosophy, Condensed Matter Physics</i>
<b>Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA</b>	<i>B.S. Engineering Physics, B.A. International Relations, Honors CISAC</i>

## SELECTED AWARDS

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- [TIME Magazine 100 Next](#) hundred most influential people in the world • [Grist](#), [Top 50 Leaders in Sustainability](#) [Forbes Magazine 30 Under 30](#), Law and Policy • [PV Magazine](#), “[The Hamilton of the Solar Industry](#)”
- Rhodes Scholarship • Truman Scholarship

**PUBLICATIONS, PRESS, & TALKS**

PEER-REVIEWED (\*) AND OTHER LONG-FORM PUBLICATIONS

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C.T.M. Clack, S.A. Qvist, J. Apt, M. Bazilian, A.R. Brandt, K. Caldeira, S.J. Davis, V. Diakov, M.A. Handschy, P.D.H. Hines, P. Jaramillo, D.M. Kammen, J.C.S. Long, M.G. Morgan, A. Reed,

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- V. Sivaram** and S. Kann, “[To Become Truly Mainstream, Solar Will Need to Cost 25 Cents per Watt by 2050](#),” *Greentech Media*, April 7, 2016.
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- V. Sivaram**, “[U.S. Climate Policies Get a Papal Nod](#),” *Council on Foreign Relations Expert Brief*, September 28, 2015.
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