

# Jesse McDevitt-Irwin

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## Academic Positions

University of Chicago

Collegiate Assistant Professor in the Social Science Division 2025–

Northwestern University

Postdoctoral Scholar at the Center for Economic History 2024–2025

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## Education

Columbia University

Ph.D. in Sustainable Development 2024

University of British Columbia

M.A. in Economics 2017

Queen's University

B.A. in Applied Economics 2016

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## Publications

1. McDevitt-Irwin, Jesse. 2024. Child anemia and the 2008 food price crisis in Senegal. *Demographic Research*, 51, 637–668.
  2. McDevitt-Irwin, Jesse, and James R. Irwin. 2025. Infant Mortality among US Whites in the 19th Century: New Evidence from Childhood Sex Ratios. *Demographic Research*, 52, 303–350.
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## Teaching Experience

University of Chicago 2025–

SOSC 16300 Global Society

Northwestern University, Lecturer 2025

ECON 323-2 Economic History of the US post 1860

ANT 390 Methods in Global Health

University of Chicago, Lecturer 2023–2024

SOSC 16300 Global Society

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## Languages

English (*native*); French (*fluent*); Spanish (*B2*); Wolof (*intermediate*)

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## Awards

Harper-Schmidt Fellow in the Society of Liberal Arts, University of Chicago	2025–2029
SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship	2021–2023
Wu Fellowship, Columbia University	2018–2019
Dean's Fellow, Columbia University	2018–2023

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## Presentations

Social Science History Association	2025
Northwestern Economic History Seminar	2024
Population Association of America, Annual Meeting	2023
Northwestern Economic History Workshop	2023
University of Chicago Demography Workshop	2023
Canadian Economic Association Conference, Canadian Network of Economic History	2022
Canadian Economic Association Conference, Canadian Network of Economic History	2021

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## Affiliations

Center for Economic History, Northwestern University	Spring 2023
West African Research Center, Dakar, Senegal	Fall 2022

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## Service

Columbia University Sustainable Development Doctoral Society, President	2020–2021
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## Selected Work Experience

Kandalore Canoe Company, Carpenter	2017
Finance Canada, Policy Analyst	2018
University of British Columbia, Research Assistant	2017
University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy, Research Assistant	2017