

# Jesse McDevitt-Irwin

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## Academic Positions

Northwestern University

**Postdoctoral Scholar** at the Center for Economic History 2024–2025

University of Chicago

**Lecturer** in the Social Sciences Collegiate Division 2023–2024

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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

Child Anemia and the 2008 Food Price Crisis in Senegal. 2024. [Demographic Research](#).

Infant Mortality among US Whites in the 19th Century: New Evidence from Childhood Sex Ratios (forthcoming, *Demographic Research*, [link](#)).

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## Working Papers

US Infant Mortality under Slavery and after Emancipation  
(under review, *Explorations in Economic History*, [link](#)).

Childhood Sex Ratios Reveal Infant Mortality ([in progress](#)).

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## Teaching Experience

Northwestern University, Lecturer 2025

ECON 323-2 Economic History of the US post 1860

University of Chicago, Lecturer 2023–2024

SOSC 16300 Global Society-III

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## Languages

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

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## Awards

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| SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship          | 2021–2023 |
| Wu Fellowship, Columbia University | 2018–2019 |
| Dean's Fellow, Columbia University | 2018–2023 |

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## Presentations

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| Northwestern Economic History Seminar  | Oct. 2024 |
| Population Association of America, Annual Meeting                              | 2023      |
| Northwestern Economic History Workshop   | Feb. 2023 |
| University of Chicago Demography Workshop                                      | Jan. 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

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

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## Service

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

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| 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 |