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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

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

Publications

- McDevitt-Irwin, Jesse. 2024. Child anemia and the 2008 food price crisis in Senegal. *Demographic Research*, 51, 637–668.
 - 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

Languages

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

Awards

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| 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 |

Presentations

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| 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 |

Affiliations

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

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 |