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Academic Positions

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

Research

Child Anemia and the 2008 Food Price Crisis in Senegal (forthcoming at *Demographic Research*)

US Infant Mortality in the 19th Century: New Evidence from Childhood Sex Ratios ([in progress](#))

New Evidence on Racial Health Inequities in the 19th Century US ([in progress](#))

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

Affiliations

Center for Economic History, Northwestern University

Spring 2023

West African Research Center, Dakar, Senegal

Fall 2022

Languages

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

Awards

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

Presentations

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

Teaching Experience

University of Chicago, Lecturer	2023–2024
SOSC 16300 Global Society-III (<i>supervisor Jenny Trinitapoli</i>)	
Columbia University, Teaching Fellow	2019–2022
ECON 4301 Economic Growth and Development, <i>X. Sala-i-Martin</i>	
SDEV 9240 Human Ecology, <i>J. Shrader</i>	
ECON 4500 International Trade, <i>R. Juhaz</i>	
University of British Columbia, Teaching Assistant	2016–2017
ECON 337 Economic History of North America, <i>M. Adshade</i>	
ECON 101 Principles of Economics, <i>R. Gateman</i>	

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