

# Jesse McDevitt-Irwin

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## Academic Positions

Northwestern University

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

**Lecturer** in the Economics Department 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

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. ([link](#)).

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

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## Working Papers

McDevitt-Irwin, Jesse. US Infant Mortality under Slavery and after Emancipation ([in progress](#)).

McDevitt-Irwin, Jesse, and James R. Irwin. 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

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

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## Presentations

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

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