

Nicholas Forster-Benson

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Education

2025 -	Ph.D. Sociology & Social Policy, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts
2021 - 2025	B.A. Economics; Quantitative Social Science, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee <i>magna cum laude</i> , highest honors (economics)
Spring 2024	Visiting Student (graduate), Università Bocconi, Milano, Lombardia

Research Interests

Political economy	Organizational and economic sociology
Markets and inequality	Quantitative methods

Publications

2025	N. Forster-Benson and K. Nchare. "Upzoning and Residential Transaction Price in Nashville." <i>Journal of Housing Economics</i> , 70: 102104. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhe.2025.102104 .
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Works in Progress

N. Forster-Benson and K. Nchare. "Post-Colonial Trade Distortions and Dependency: The Colonial Legacy of Portugal in Africa." Revise & Resubmit, *Journal of International Development*. <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4874987>.

N. Forster-Benson. "Upzoning Culture: Financialization and the Social Production of Space in Nashville."

Grants and Fellowships

2024	John J. Siegfried Honors Economics Scholars Student Research Grant, \$2,000
2023	Humanities in the Real-World Fellow, Robert Penn Warren Center, \$1,000
2023	Vanderbilt Undergraduate Summer Research Program, \$7,100

Teaching

	<i>Department of Economics, Vanderbilt University:</i>
Fall 2024	Economic Statistics (ECON 1500), Teaching Assistant, Syllabus
	<i>Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University:</i>
Fall 2022, 2023	Contemporary American Society (SOC 3233), Teaching Assistant, Syllabus
Fall 2023	Cultural Production and Institutions (SOC 3202), Teaching Assistant, Syllabus

Non-Academic Employment

2022 - 2025	Resident Advisor, Office of Housing and Residential Experience, Vanderbilt University
2024	Candidate, Tennessee State House District 56
2023	Intern, U.S. Federal Reserve Board
2022	Intern, Tennessee Department of Treasury

Affiliation

2025 -	Graduate affiliate, Center for American Political Studies, Harvard University
2025 -	Graduate affiliate, Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University
2025 -	Member, American Sociological Association
2023 -	Member, American Planning Association

Programming and Languages

ΛT_EX, Python, QGIS, R, Stata
English (native), Italian (intermediate)