NICHOLAS FORSTER-BENSON

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

Manuscripts Under Review

2025	Nicholas Forster-Benson and Karim Nchare. "Post-Colonial Trade Distortions and Dependency: The Colonial Legacy of Portugal in Africa." Revise & Resubmit, Journal of International Development. Link: http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4874987
2025	Nicholas Forster-Benson and Karim Nchare. "Upzoning and Residential Transaction Price in Nashville." Revise & Resubmit, Journal of Housing Economics. Link: https://nfb77.github.io/Files/URTPN.pdf

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Draft Available	Nicholas Forster-Benson, "Upzoning Culture: Financialization and the Social Production of Space in
	Nashville." Link: https://nfb77.github.io/Files/UCFSPSN.pdf

Not Available Karim Nchare and **Nicholas Forster-Benson**. "Sekou Toure's Guinea 40 years later."

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 EXPERIENCE

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

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2023 - 2025	Student Researcher, Vanderbilt Department of Economics
	Advisor: Dr. Karim Nchare
Summer 2023	Student Researcher, Vanderbilt Department of Sociology
	Advisor: Dr. Richard Lloyd
Spring 2023	Research Assistant, Lab. for Research on Conflict and Collective Action
	Advisor: Dr. Andrew Coe

Non-Academic Employment

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

Professional Memberships

2023 - Present	Member, American Planning Association
2023 - Present	Member, Union for Radical Political Economics

Programming and Languages

Programming Proficiencies: LETEX, Python, QGIS, R, Stata Languages: English (Native), Italian (Intermediate)

References

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