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## EDUCATION

- 2025-                      Ph.D. Sociology & Social Policy, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts
- 2021-2025                B.A. Economics and Interdisciplinary Studies, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee  
*magna cum laude*, 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](#)
- Fall 2023                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
- 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:  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Python, QGIS, R, Stata

Languages: English (Native), Italian (Intermediate)

## REFERENCES

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