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Education

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| 2025- | Ph.D. Sociology & Social Policy, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA |
| 2021-2025 | B.A. Economics (<i>Highest Honors</i>) and Quantitative Social Science, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
<i>Thesis: Upzoning, Density, and Housing Affordability in Nashville</i> |
| Spring 2024 | Visiting Student (Graduate) Università Bocconi, Milano, Lombardia |

Manuscripts Under Review

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 |

Research Experience

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

Teaching Experience

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

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: L^AT_EX, Python, QGIS, R, Stata
Languages: English (Native), Italian (Intermediate)

References

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Karim Nchare, Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics, V. U., karim.nchare@vanderbilt.edu
Ariell Zimran, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, V. U., ariell.zimran@vanderbilt.edu
Brandon Underwood, Senior Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, V. U., brandon.underwood@vanderbilt.edu