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Education

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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 |

Publications

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| 2025 | Nicholas Forster-Benson and Karim Nchare. " Upzoning and Residential Transaction Price in Nashville ." Forthcoming in <i>Journal of Housing Economics</i> . |
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Works in Progress

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*.

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

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 |

Teaching Experience

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| | <i>Vanderbilt University, Department of Economics:</i> |
| Fall 2024 | ECON 1500, Economic Statistics, Teaching Assistant, Syllabus |
| | <i>Vanderbilt University, Department of Sociology:</i> |
| 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, Department of Economics, Vanderbilt University
Advisor: Dr. Karim Nchare
- 2023 Student Researcher, Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University
Advisor: Dr. Richard Lloyd
- 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
- 2023 Intern, U.S. Federal Reserve Board
- 2022 Intern, Tennessee Department of Treasury

Affiliations

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

Programming and Languages

LaTeX, Python, QGIS, R, Stata
English (Native), Italian (Intermediate)

References

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