

# 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  
*magna cum laude*, highest honors (economics)  
visiting student (graduate coursework), Università Bocconi, Milano, Lombardia

## Research Interests

Political economy  
Markets and inequality

Organizational and economic sociology  
Quantitative methods

## Publications

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

## 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, Growth, and Displacement: Towards a Relational Understanding of Zoning Conflict."

## 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

- Department of Economics, Vanderbilt University:*  
Fall 2024 Economic Statistics (ECON 1500), Teaching Assistant, Syllabus

*Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University:*

- Fall 2022, 2023 Contemporary American Society (SOC 3233), Teaching Assistant, Syllabus  
Fall 2023 Cultural Production and Institutions (SOC 3202), Teaching Assistant, Syllabus

## Research

- 2023 - 2025 Research Assistant, Department of Economics, Vanderbilt University  
*Advisor: Dr. Karim Nchare*  
2023 Research Assistant, 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

## 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

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Python, QGIS, R, Stata  
English (native), Italian (intermediate)