

Nicholas Forster-Benson

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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

Research Interests

Political economy
Markets and inequality

Organizational and economic sociology
Quantitative methods

Publications

2025 **Nicholas Forster-Benson** and Karim Nchare. "[Upzoning and Residential Transaction Price in Nashville.](#)"
Forthcoming in *Journal of Housing Economics*.

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

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

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

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

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