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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, TN
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>
- 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

- Fall 2024* *Vanderbilt University, Department of Economics:*
ECON 1500, Economic Statistics, Teaching Assistant, [Syllabus](#)
- Fall 2022, 2023* *Vanderbilt University, Department of Sociology:*
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

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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