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Education

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

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
Not Available	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

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

Research Experience

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

Non-Academic Employment

<i>2022 - 2025</i>	Resident Advisor, V. U. Office of Housing and Residential Experience
<i>Summer 2024</i>	Candidate, Tennessee State House District 56
<i>Summer 2023</i>	Intern, U.S. Federal Reserve Board
<i>Summer 2022</i>	Intern, Tennessee Department of Treasury

Professional Memberships

<i>2023 - Present</i>	Member, American Planning Association
<i>2023 - Present</i>	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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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