

# 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

## 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

*Vanderbilt University, Department of Economics:*

- Fall 2024 ECON 1500, Economic Statistics, Teaching Assistant, [Syllabus](#)

*Vanderbilt University, Department of Sociology:*

- 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

## 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

$\text{\LaTeX}$ , Python, QGIS, R, Stata  
English (Native), Italian (Intermediate)

## References

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