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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

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

Research Experience

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| <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

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| <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

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| <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