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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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