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Education

- 2025 - Ph.D. Sociology & Social Policy, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts
- 2021 - 2025 B.A. Economics; Quantitative Social Science, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee
magna cum laude, highest honors (economics)
visiting student (graduate coursework), Università Bocconi, Milano, Lombardia

Research Interests

Political economy
Markets and inequality

Organizational and economic sociology
Quantitative methods

Publications

- 2025 N. Forster-Benson and K. Nchare. "Upzoning and Residential Transaction Price in Nashville." *Journal of Housing Economics*, 70: 102104. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhe.2025.102104>.

Works in Progress

N. Forster-Benson and K. Nchare. "Post-Colonial Trade Distortions and Dependency: The Colonial Legacy of Portugal in Africa." Revise & Resubmit, *Journal of International Development*. <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4874987>

N. Forster-Benson. "Upzoning, Growth, and Displacement: Towards a Relational Understanding of Zoning Conflict."

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

- Department of Economics, Vanderbilt University:
Fall 2024 Economic Statistics (ECON 1500), Teaching Assistant, Syllabus

Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University:

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

Research

2023 - 2025 Research Assistant, Department of Economics, Vanderbilt University
Advisor: Dr. Karim Nchare
2023 Research Assistant, 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

Affiliation

2025 - Graduate affiliate, Center for American Political Studies, Harvard University
2025 - Graduate affiliate, Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University
2025 - Member, American Sociological Association
2023 - Member, American Planning Association

Programming and Languages

L^AT_EX, Python, QGIS, R, Stata
English (native), Italian (intermediate)