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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>
- 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: <https://nfb77.github.io/Files/ECON1500Fall124.pdf>
- Vanderbilt University, Department of Sociology:*
- Fall 2022, 2023   SOC 3233, Contemporary American Society, Teaching Assistant, Syllabus: <https://nfb77.github.io/Files/SOC3233Fall123.pdf>
- Fall 2023       SOC 3202, Cultural Production and Institutions, Teaching Assistant, Syllabus: <https://nfb77.github.io/Files/SOC3203Fall123.pdf>

## 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:  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Python, QGIS, R, Stata

Languages: English (Native), Italian (Intermediate)

## References

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