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Education

2025-	Ph.D. Sociology & Social Policy, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
2021-2025	B.A. Economics (<i>with honors</i>) and Quantitative Social Science, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN <i>Thesis: Upzoning, Density, and Housing Affordability in Nashville</i>
Spring 2024	Visiting Student (<i>Graduate</i>), 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://drive.google.com/file/d/1f19-JaO80VODrnmJIM7TiYBrIhH8OU/view?usp=sharing

Manuscripts In Preparation

Draft Available	Nicholas Forster-Benson , "Upzoning Culture: Financialization and the Social Production of Space in Nashville." Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/15WR1SRvstSJTxdfwPVsdOvM0jlrPtDM2
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

Research Experience

2023 - 2025	Student Researcher , Vanderbilt Department of Economics <i>Advisor: Dr. Karim Nchare</i>
Summer 2023	Student Researcher , Vanderbilt Department of Sociology <i>Advisor: Dr. Richard Lloyd</i>
Spring 2023	Research Assistant , Lab. for Research on Conflict and Collective Action <i>Advisor: Dr. Andrew Coe</i>

Teaching Experience

Vanderbilt University	
Fall 2024	Teaching Assistant , ECON 1500 Economic Statistics, Syllabus
Fall 2023	Teaching Assistant , SOC 3202 Cultural Production and Institutions, Syllabus
Fall 2022, 2023	Teaching Assistant , SOC 3233 Contemporary American Society, Syllabus

Non-Academic Employment

2022 - 2025 **Resident Advisor**, V. U. Office of Housing and Residential Experience
Summer 2024 **Candidate**, Tennessee State House District 56
Summer 2023 **Intern**, U.S. Federal Reserve Board
Summer 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: \LaTeX , Python, QGIS, R, Stata
Languages: English (Native), Italian (Intermediate)

References

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