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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

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*.

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*.
- N. Forster-Benson.** "Upzoning Culture: Financialization and the Social Production of Space in Nashville."

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

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

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

\LaTeX , Python, QGIS, R, Stata

English (Native), Italian (Intermediate)