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## Education

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*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 (Department of Economics)

*Spring 2024* Visiting Student (Graduate), Università Bocconi, Milano, Lombardia

## Manuscripts Under Review

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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

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Draft Available **Nicholas Forster-Benson**, "Upzoning Culture: Financialization and the Social Production of Space in Nashville." Link: <https://nfb77.github.io/Files/UCFSPSN.pdf>

Not Available Karim Nchare and **Nicholas Forster-Benson**. "Sekou Toure's Guinea 40 years later."

## Grants and Fellowships

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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

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*Fall 2024* Vanderbilt University, Department of Economics:  
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

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

## Non-Academic Employment

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<i>2022 - 2025</i>	Resident Advisor, V. U. Office of Housing and Residential Experience
<i>Summer 2024</i>	Candidate, Tennessee State House District 56
<i>Summer 2023</i>	Intern, U.S. Federal Reserve Board
<i>Summer 2022</i>	Intern, Tennessee Department of Treasury

## Professional Memberships

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<i>2023 - Present</i>	Member, American Planning Association
<i>2023 - Present</i>	Member, Union for Radical Political Economics

## Programming and Languages

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Programming Proficiencies: L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Python, QGIS, R, Stata  
Languages: English (Native), Italian (Intermediate)

## References

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Karim Nchare, Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics, V. U., [karim.nchare@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:karim.nchare@vanderbilt.edu)  
Ariell Zimran, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, V. U., [ariell.zimran@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:ariell.zimran@vanderbilt.edu)  
Brandon Underwood, Senior Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, V. U., [brandon.underwood@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:brandon.underwood@vanderbilt.edu)