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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 <i>magna cum laude</i> , highest honors (Economics)
Spring 2024	Visiting Student (graduate), Università Bocconi, Milano, Lombardia

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

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2025	<b>Nicholas Forster-Benson</b> and Karim Nchare. "Post-Colonial Trade Distortions and Dependency: The Colonial Legacy of Portugal in Africa." Revise & Resubmit, Journal of International Development. Link: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4874987">HTTP://DX.DOI.ORG/10.2139/SSRN.4874987</a>
2025	<b>Nicholas Forster-Benson</b> and Karim Nchare. "Upzoning and Residential Transaction Price in Nashville." Revise & Resubmit, Journal of Housing Economics. Link: <a href="https://nfb77.github.io/files/URTPN.PDF">HTTPS://NFB77.GITHUB.IO/FILES/URTPN.PDF</a>

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

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Draft Available	<b>Nicholas Forster-Benson</b> , "Upzoning Culture: Financialization and the Social Production of Space in Nashville." Link: <a href="https://nfb77.github.io/files/UCFSPSN.PDF">HTTPS://NFB77.GITHUB.IO/FILES/UCFSPSN.PDF</a>
Not Available	Karim Nchare and <b>Nicholas Forster-Benson</b> . "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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	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

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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:  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Python, QGIS, R, Stata  
Languages: English (Native), Italian (Intermediate)

## REFERENCES

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Richard Lloyd, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, V. U., [R.D.LLOYD@VANDERBILT.EDU](mailto:R.D.LLOYD@VANDERBILT.EDU)  
Karim Nchare, Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics, V. U., [KARIM.NCHARE@VANDERBILT.EDU](mailto:KARIM.NCHARE@VANDERBILT.EDU)  
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Brandon Underwood, Senior Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, V. U., [BRANDON.UNDERWOOD@VANDERBILT.EDU](mailto:BRANDON.UNDERWOOD@VANDERBILT.EDU)