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Education

2025- Ph.D. Sociology & Social Policy, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

2021-2025 B.A. Economics (*Highest Honors*) and Quantitative Social Science, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
Thesis: Upzoning, Density, and Housing Affordability in Nashville

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>

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

Teaching Experience

 Vanderbilt University, Department of Economics:

Fall 2024 ECON 1500, Economic Statistics, Teaching Assistant, [Syllabus](#)

 Vanderbilt University, Department of Sociology:

Fall 2023 SOC 3202, Cultural Production and Institutions, Teaching Assistant, [Syllabus](#)

Fall 2022, 2023 SOC 3233 Contemporary American Society, Teaching Assistant, [Syllabus](#)

Research Experience

<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

<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

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

Programming and Languages

Programming Proficiencies: L^AT_EX, Python, QGIS, R, Stata
Languages: English (Native), Italian (Intermediate)

References

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Ariell Zimran, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, V. U., ariell.zimran@vanderbilt.edu
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