

# Gil Sander Joseph

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## EDUCATION

**Stanford University** (September 2025 - June 2027) **Stanford, CA**  
*M.A. in International Policy, Knight-Hennessy Scholar*

**Princeton University** (June 2021 - May 2025) **Princeton, NJ**  
Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, Certificate in Latin American Studies  
GPA: 3.97 | *Summa Cum Laude* | *Phi Beta Kappa*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Project Rousseau**, Immigration Legal Services Intern (June - August 2025) **New York City, NY**

- Conducted legal and country conditions research to support immigration casework, drafted asylum and SIJS declarations, organized case documentation, and guided clients through social service applications.
- Interpreted and translated in French, Haitian Creole, and Spanish during client meetings, legal screenings, and document preparation.

**McKinsey & Company**, Business Analyst Intern (June - August 2023) **Washington, DC**

- Researched and analyzed key market trends to address challenges in social impact investing
- Collaborated on executive reports examining global diversity in private markets and financial inclusion in the United States

## LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE

**Princeton University Board of Trustees**, Trustee (July 2025 - July 2029) **Princeton, NJ**

- Elected by the Classes of 2023–2026 to a four-year term, representing the long-term interests of the university.

**Wout Yo: Dynamics of Haitian Migration Through the Americas** (April 2021) **Princeton, NJ**

- Led the planning and organization of a conference exploring the dimensions of Haitian migration across the United States, Brazil, Mexico, and the Dominican Republic.
- Convened policymakers, academics, and community leaders to address the experiences of Haitian migrants, a group often underserved in migration services.

**Hector Foundation**, Co-founder and Vice President (December 2019 - Present) **Port-au-Prince, Haiti**

- Raised \$150,000+ to launch Haiti's first open-use engineering makerspace and pre-college summer program (PAYS)
- Advised to 250+ students in Haiti; supported 20+ admits to selective universities including Penn and Northwestern
- Established partnerships with institutions including MIT, Princeton, Stanford, McGill, and UWC

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Brazil Se Lakay Mwen: Challenging the mobility bias** [] **São Paulo, Brazil**  
*Senior Thesis, advisor: Filiz Garip* | 2024–2025

- Conducted original ethnographic research in Brazil on Haitian migrants in **São Paulo**, analyzing how forms of immobility shape migration trajectories and decisions to remain in place.
- Co-winner of the **2025 Kenneth Maxwell Senior Thesis Prize** for best thesis related to Brazil.

**Ayisyen mwen ye: Effect of Exposure to Gang Violence** [] **Port-au-Prince, Haiti**  
*Junior Independent Work, advisor: Yu Xie* | 2023–2024

- Designed and implemented a survey with the Princeton Survey Research Center to examine links between gang violence exposure and Haitian national identity.
- Authored a paper analyzing how levels of gang exposure shapes identity formation and migration

aspirations.

**Liechtenstein Institute on Self-Determination**, Research Assistant (2024-2025) **Princeton, NJ**

- Supported research for the paper “Weaponized Migrants? Promise and Peril on the ‘Eastern Borders Route’ to Europe.”
- Conducted literature review and analysis on border externalization and the political framing of migrant “weaponization” in Europe.

### **SELECT PUBLICATIONS & FEATURES**

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- Featured in **The Haitian Times**: “From Haiti to Ivy League halls, two scholars turn rivalry into a mission for change” (October 1, 2025)  
<https://haitiantimes.com/2025/10/01/haitian-ivy-league-students-joseph-and-hector-excel/>
- **Opinion**: “Not everyone impacted by this election can vote. Make sure you do.” (October 2024)  
<https://www.dailyprincetonian.com/article/2024/10/princeton-opinion-guest-haiti-immigration>
- **Essay**: “Being Fed Up Is A Privilege” (October 31, 2021)  
<https://nassauweekly.com/being-fed-up-is-a-privilege/>

### **ADDITIONAL HONORS & AWARDS**

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- **Walter E. Hope Medal** (2025): *awarded to the Princeton senior who has done the most for the University*
- **German Book Award** (2024): *awarded for top performance in intermediate German*
- **Presidential Writing Award** (2017): *awarded by the Office of the President of Haiti*

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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**Languages:** Native in French and Haitian Creole; fluent in Spanish and Portuguese; conversational in German.

**Technical Skills:** Data analysis (R), qualitative coding (NVivo), survey design