

# SOPHONIE MILANDE JOSEPH

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## EDUCATION

**Ph.D. Candidate and M.Phil. in Urban Planning, Columbia University** | Expected May 2018

- Areas of Concentration: Environmental Justice, Transnational Planning & Intersectional Feminism

**Masters of Urban Planning, University of Michigan** | May 2010

**B.A. in Planning & Public Policy, Rutgers University** | May 2008

## EXPERIENCE

**Owner/Consultant, SMJ LLC**

Petyonvil, Haiti & New York, NY | February 2017 – Present

- September 2017 – Present: Quantitative data analysis and GIS mapping consultant for Dr. Mark Schuller's NSF Grant # 1455142 research project.
  - Data management and preparation of a large, longitudinal survey dataset
  - Statistical analysis in SPSS and other computational tools
  - Spatial mapping in ArcGIS to visually display descriptive and predictive statistical findings in compelling infographics
- February – June 2017: Writing and editing consulting for the *Enstiti Travay Sosyal ak Syans Sosyal* and the Igarapé Institute's report: "Haitian Women's Experiences of Recovery from Hurricane Matthew."

**Academic Support Specialist, Baruch College – Marx School of Public and International Affairs**

New York, NY | September 2017 – Present

- Develop statistics and economics teaching curriculum for exam preparation workshop series
- Teach introductory statistics and economics workshops
- Teach statistics and economics exam preparation workshops
- Provide tutoring and other support services to graduate students in international development, business administration, higher education and public affairs programs

**Global Urbanism Course Instructor, Urban Studies Program, Guttman – City University of New York**

New York, NY | January 2018 – February 2018

- Developed teaching curriculum for new course on international development, cities and planning practice
- Instructed undergraduate students in visual sociology, research writing and theoretical analysis

**Field Researcher, National Science Foundation CAREER Grant # 1455142, "Assessing Long-Term Sociocultural Impacts in Disaster Recovery Efforts"**

Pòsali, Haiti | May 2017 – July 2017

- Completed collaborative, team-based, fieldwork research
- Wrote daily and weekly ethnographic field notes, participant-observation and survey data collection while living with a local family
- Collected 101 surveys of Haitians, with Haitian student research partner pairs, on their assessment of NGOs impacts for long-term disaster recovery efforts after the NGOs depart from the respective region.
- Conducted 5 open-ended interviews with key informants

**City Research Scientist II, City of New York, Department of Social Services**

New York, NY | June 2016 – April 2017

- Utilized interpersonal skills to interact successfully with staff at all levels, particularly computer programmers and management information specialists to communicate assistance needed for ongoing program performance and adjustment.
- Point-person between program staff and computer programmers to translate dense computer science description of databases into the more accessible concepts for applied data analysis and report production.
- Managed monthly performance management reporting using Sql coding, advanced excel techniques, Oracle, & Access to manage key programs' datasets.
- Planned, designed, developed, tested, automated and provided ongoing support for reporting systems.
- Monitored indicators, measured administrative efficiencies and program outcomes.
- Conducted policy and data research projects; presented findings and recommendations orally and in writing.

**Fellow, Columbia Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Office of Academic Diversity**

New York, NY | January 2016 – May 2016

- Selection Committee member for the 2016 Summer Research Opportunity Program, a diversity pipeline initiative for undergraduate students.
- Contributed exploratory research on diversity programming to improve minority graduate student retention and success.

**Field Researcher, Columbia University, Department of Urban Planning**

New York, NY | May 2013 – September 2015

- Identified research respondents through strategic networking, snowball sampling, and follow-up activities.
- Completed site visits for data collection and interviewed respondents in Haitian Creole, when necessary.
- Reviewed archival research in the Haitian state collections and in smaller, private collections.
- Engaged in a longitudinal, participant observation data collection from 2011, 2012, 2013-2015

**Urban Planner, Société d' Aménagement et de Développement**

Pétionville, Haiti | June 2013 – August 2013

- Researched participatory planning methodologies for environmental planning efforts in coastal communities.

**SKILLS**

- ▶ SQL (Oracle & Access) ▶ ArcGIS ▶ SPSS & R
- ▶ Fluent in English & Haitian *Kreyòl* ▶ Reading proficiencies in French

**SELECT PUBLICATIONS**

- Joseph, S.M., Irazábal, C., & Désir, A. (2018). Trust and Hometown Associations in Haitian Post-Earthquake Reconstruction. *International Migration*. 56(1), 167-195.
- Kolbe, K., Puccio, M., Joseph, S.M., Muggah, R. & Joersz, A. 2017. Haitian Women's Experiences of Recovery from Hurricane Matthew. *Strategic Papers of the Igarapé Institute*. [https://igarape.org.br/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/NE-26\\_Haitian-Hurricane-05-06.pdf](https://igarape.org.br/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/NE-26_Haitian-Hurricane-05-06.pdf).
- Joseph, S.M. (2017). Book review: Mark Schuller's Humanitarian Aftershocks in Haiti. *Journal of Haitian Studies*. 23(2), 126-131.
- Klopp, J.M., Joseph, S.M., Schumacker-Kocik, J. & Marcello, E. 2011. *CSI Strategic Planning and University Partnership Brief*. Center for Sustainable Urban Development (CSUD). Columbia University.