

LEAH NAKAIMA

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Leah is an adaptable, detail-oriented, and agile public policy expert with experience in project management, executive communication and presentation, policy research, analysis and writing, and multi-stakeholder management. She has strong interpersonal, planning, and organizational skills, and she is very passionate about shared value and bringing new pharmaceutical innovations to patients.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Eli Lilly and Company

Indianapolis, IN

Project Lead, Insulin Supply Chain and Markups

2020–2021

- Researched and analyzed the insulin supply chain in 6 low (middle) income countries to calculate markups and understand drug supply chain dynamics and insulin access gaps and recommend policy solutions for Lilly Executive Team.
- Sourced over 536 pharmacies and 147 contacts in Uganda, Kenya, Nigeria, Morocco, South Africa, and Swaziland, and identified Lilly's insulin retail prices and markups, drug market dynamics and regulations, and potential solutions.
- Delivered a 55-page policy memo and presentation to Lilly Executives, with recommendations to strategically position Lilly brands, increase access, decrease markups, and maintain a viable insulin supply chain. The team is considering implementation.

Global Public Policy Intern

Summer 2020

- Researched and analyzed healthcare access in the U.S. to determine policies for the Gates CEO Roundtable (e.g., Bill Gates and Eli Lilly, Merck, Pfizer CEOs) to address the health inequities influenced by COVID-19 and systemic racism.
- Sourced 6 stakeholders and created the Health Equity Fund, an initiative where stakeholders engage in public-private partnerships to procure medical supplies to the underserved Americans, and holistically address health inequity.
- Delivered a presentation and policy memo to senior management with strategic recommendations and Lilly's strategic role.

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Kampala, Uganda

Junior Consultant, Business and Social Change

Summer 2019

- Facilitated private-public partnerships between UNFPA and the Mastercard Foundation, to procure funds for SMEs that provided public health education and reduced teenage pregnancy and increased academic achievement among girls and young women.
- Advised UNFPA's Innovations Team on effective data management for the SafePal App, which resulted in more trust and utilization among girls and women experiencing sexual and domestic violence who needed healthcare and sexual rights resources.
- Monitored the WAY-Women, Adolescents, and Youth Rights and Empowerment Program in Northern Uganda to identify gaps and delivered a policy memo with recommendations to improve project outcomes on reducing teenage pregnancies and child marriages among refugee girls.

Ignite Mental Health

Cambridge, MA

Policy Consultant

Spring, Summer, Fall 2020

- Developed policy recommendations and advised Ignite Mental Health Leadership Team on effective ways to mobilize over 3000 changemakers around the US behind mental health policies and legislation which facilitated increased mental health budgets and allocations on a federal, state, city, university, and student government level during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Harvard Kennedy School Student Admissions Office

Cambridge, MA

Admissions Student Ambassador Co-Chair

2020–2021

- Drafted and managed communications with prospective students; Recruited other students to volunteer for admissions events and initiatives; Planned and hosted admissions events; Represented HKS during virtual sessions and student panels; Planned yield initiatives to reach newly admitted students; Researched outreach/admissions/yield opportunities; Connected students with current students for application support, and this increased HKS application rates and recruitment of students of color.

EDUCATION

Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government

Cambridge, MA

Master in Public Policy, Concentration in Business and Government Policy

May 2021

Certificate in Management, Leadership, and Decision Sciences

Public Policy and International Affairs, full-ride fellowship, 1 of 3 students, for commitment to public service.

Arizona State University

Phoenix, AZ

Bachelor of Science, major in Public Health, Minor in Public Policy, Certificate in Public Administration

May 2019

The MasterCard Foundation Scholarship, full-ride scholarship, 1 of 50 candidates, for commitment to community service

2018 Public Policy and International Affairs Fellowship, 1 of 30 candidates and the first international students, UC Berkeley

Skills

Strong Communication, Teamwork, Memo-Writing, Project Management, Multi-Stakeholder Management.

Courses

Corporate Social Responsibility, Business and Government Policy, Data Analytics and Visualization, Systems Dynamics and Systems Thinking, Negotiation, Advanced Statistics and Economics.

Activities

Executive Vice President- HKS Student Body '20, Technical Director- Women in Power Conference '21, Oval Office Program '21, Economic Development Seminar '21, Kennedy School Review-Print Journal '21, Kennedy School Negotiation Coaching Clinic '20, Co-Founder- Employ Busoga Enterprise and PADoR Initiative™.