

# Simone Karyn Laws

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## EDUCATION

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**American University, School of International Service (SIS)** Washington, DC  
Bachelor of Arts in International Studies Expected May 2023

- Focus on Global and Comparative Governance; Peace, Global Security, and Conflict Resolution in sub-Saharan Africa
- Cumulative GPA: 3.6/4.0

**International School of Kenya** Nairobi, Kenya  
High School Diploma May 2019

- GPA: 3.8/4.0, High Honor Roll

**International School of Kuala Lumpur** Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
High School 2013-2018

- Interscholastic Association of Southeast Asian Schools (IASAS) Scholar Award

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**U.S. Embassy Belmopan, Belize** Remote / Washington, DC  
*Public Affairs Intern* January 2022-Present

- Creating daily press summaries on the national situation in Belize for more than 200 daily readers on the U.S. Embassy Belmopan website
- Reporting on the Belizean media's reaction to the U.S. Embassy Belmopan's foreign and domestic policies and messaging
- Monitoring U.S. Embassy Belmopan's Instagram and Facebook accounts with a combined following of more than 56,000 and counting

**Oregon Senator Ron Wyden Office** Washington, DC  
*Legislative Intern* September-December 2021

- Assisted staff through daily sorting of constituent voicemails and mail, drafting correspondence with 1 constituent letter, and 2 co-sponsorship forms
- Conducted initial research on Extended Producer Responsibility, China and U.S. recycling relationship, and zero-emission rebate programs to inform senior staff of recent updates
- Completed a co-sponsorship form on the Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act of 2021 that Senator Wyden approved co-sponsorship of
- Wrote 5 memos from Energy and Natural Resources committee briefings

**Eurasia Center Uplifting Africa Program** Washington, DC  
*Research Intern* May-August 2021

- Wrote 2 published briefs on Kenya & Somalia Maritime Dispute, and NGO Project Imagine
- Conducted grant research of 30 organizations and funds, and sending out the Eurasia Center Newsletter to a network of more than 1,000 individuals monthly
- Created 2 professional matrices for the Eurasia Center and the Uplifting Africa Program with connections from Congress, the Department of State, World Bank, IMF, and the African Bank

**After School All-Stars** Washington, DC  
*Tutor Work-Study* September 2020-May 2021

- Tutored 30+ inner-city middle school students with math, English, art, and humanities twice a week

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

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**AU Diplomat, American University** Washington, DC  
*Project Director and Social Media Manager* September 2019-Present

- Advocate for international students and global nomads to attend American University
- Leading Winter Outreach Program 2021-2022 for AU Diplomats to connect with their high school counselors and current senior class to share AU experience and assist in the college application process
- Creating au\_diplomats Instagram account and gaining 325 followers, drafting and posting on the account

**School of Public Affairs Leadership Program, American University** Washington, DC  
*Selected Member* September 2019-Present

- Studying and developing leadership skills through advanced practical training and by implementing social action projects in local areas of need
- Distributed 10 water filters to a church in need of potable water accessibility
- Organized fundraising event raising \$100+ and awareness to support refugee resettlement into the U.S.

**Project Imagine** Nairobi, Kenya  
*Volunteer* September 2018-June 2019

- Educated young women in rural Kenya about menstrual cycles and distributing 10,000+ sanitary napkins
- Awarded Princess Diana Award for social action and humanitarian work