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Kate Jastram joined the Berkeley Law faculty in 2002. Prior to that, she was a legal advisor to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees from 1991 to 2001 in Geneva and in Washington, DC. Following graduation from Boalt, she practiced immigration and nationality law in San Francisco and directed a pro bono asylum program in Minneapolis.

Her scholarly work explores the challenges states face in balancing protection for forced migrants with their national security concerns, by focusing on the intersections of refugee law, human rights law, international humanitarian law, and international criminal law.

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She teaches courses in refugee law, international humanitarian law, global migration issues, national security and international protection, immigration law, and international human rights.

