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Dr. Kirsten Nakjavani Bookmiller specializes in disaster law and policy. Over the past three decades, she has served as an analyst, subject matter expert, researcher, trainer, and international project director in addition to her thirty-five-year academic career in the International Relations discipline. She was a co-founder and current chair of the American Society of International Law's Disaster Law Interest Group, is a co-founder and a member of the steering committee of the International Disaster, Emergency, and Law Network (IDEAL), and serves as a member of the editorial board of the Yearbook of International Disaster Law (Brill). Dr. Bookmiller also served as a Project Lead with the North American Humanitarian Response Initiative from 2017-2019, involving the Red Cross-national societies and national governments of Canada, Mexico, and the United States.

A Professor of Government, Law, and International Relations and a Faculty Associate with the Center for Disaster Research and Education at Millersville University, Dr. Bookmiller holds a Ph.D. in Foreign Affairs from the University of Virginia and will complete her JD with a concentration in Climate Law at Vermont Law and Graduate School in December 2025. She completed further training through the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative and the Hague Academy of International Law.

Dr. Bookmiller's work has been utilized by the United Nations, the International Federation of the Red Cross/Red Crescent, the International Search and Rescue Advisory Group, and several national governments. She has delivered policy briefings and workshops to policymakers, civil servants, intergovernmental, non-governmental, and local community representatives and practitioners involved in the disaster management and humanitarian sectors.