Kathryn Shapiro

Contact Information

Department of Political Science
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Education

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science, Rutgers University. 2022-Present
Dissertation: *Time to Go: Protracted Conflict and War Termination.*
Committee: Jack Levy, Robert Schub, Michael Kenwick, Andrew Rosenberg (University of Florida)
Ph.D. Student (prior), Political Science — University of Florida, 2021–2022
M.A., International Studies — The Graduate Center, City University of New York, 2020
Thesis: *Whose War Is It Anyway? How Afghanistan Became a Battlefield over Global Hegemony during the Cold War.*

B.A., Political Science, *magna cum laude* — University of North Florida, 2018

Academic Appointments

Instructor, College Writing, Fall 2026-present
Rutgers University

Instructor, International Law, Summer 2026 (online)
Rutgers University

Teaching Assistant, Fall 2025–Spring 2026
Qualitative Methods (Dr. Jana Morgan)
Nature of Politics (Dr. Bailey Eaise)
Rutgers University

Graduate Assistant, Fall 2023–Spring 2025
Graduate Director of the Public Education Network, Douglass Residential College
Rutgers University

Teaching Assistant, Fall 2021–Spring 2022
Introduction to International Relations (Dr. Badredine Arfi)
Theories of International Relations (Dr. Zachary Selden)
University of Florida

Instructor, City Seminar, 2019–2021
Guttman Community College, City University of New York

Manuscripts Under Review

Shapiro, Kathryn. "The American Way of War Termination." *Under Review*.
Shapiro, Kathryn. "Ending America's Longest War: Presidential Decision-Making in Afghanistan." *Under Review*.

Works in Progress

"Audience Costs of One: Self-Perception and Foreign Policy Decision-Making."
"NATO, Afghanistan, and Ontological (In)Security."

Grants and Awards

Major Awards and Fellowships

William Lyon and Meredith Porte Peace Fund Research Award, $1,300, Summer 2025

Excellence Fellowship, Rutgers University, 2022–2023

Research and Travel Awards

Summer Research Award, $1,000, School of Graduate Studies, Rutgers University

Research Grant, $2,500, Research in Political Psychology Laboratory- Rutgers University (with Majka Hahn and Emma Stewart), Fall 2025

Research and Travel Award, $500, School of Graduate Studies, Rutgers University, Fall 2025

Research and Travel Award, $1,000, School of Graduate Studies, Rutgers University, Spring 2025

Research and Travel Award, $1,000, School of Graduate Studies, Rutgers University, Fall 2024

Research and Travel Award, $500, School of Graduate Studies, Rutgers University, Fall 2023

Research and Travel Award, $500, School of Graduate Studies, Rutgers University, Spring 2023

Research and Travel Award, $500, School of Graduate Studies, Rutgers University, Fall 2022

Research and Travel Award, $700, School of Graduate Studies, University of Florida, Spring 2022

Research and Travel Award, $700, School of Graduate Studies, University of Florida, Fall 2021

Conference Presentations

2026. "Choosing to Stay: The U.S. War in Afghanistan under President George W. Bush and President Barack Obama." International Studies Association, Columbus, Ohio, March 22-25.

2025. “Protracted Conflict and War Termination: George W. Bush Case Study.” American Political Science Association, Vancouver, Canada, September 12–14.

2025. “Why Go Home? Protracted Conflict and War Termination.” International Studies Association, Chicago, IL, March 2–5.

2024. “Knowing How to Leave: A Theory of Norms and War Termination.” American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, September 5-8.

2023. “NATO, Afghanistan, and Ontological (In)Security.” American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, CA, August 30–September 2.

2022. “The Politics of Leaving: Afghanistan Case Study.” American Political Science Association, Montreal, Canada, September 15–18.

2022. “Whose War Is It Anyway? How Afghanistan Became a Battlefield over Global Hegemony during the Cold War.” Southern Political Science Association, San Antonio, TX, January 12–15.

2022. Panel Discussant. “Alliances and Interstate Relations.” Southern Political Science Association, San Antonio, TX, January 12–15.

2021. “What’s Next? The Future of Afghanistan Post–U.S. Withdrawal.” International Studies Security Conference, Bloomington, IN, November 12–14.

Research Experience	Rutgers University — Research Assistant to Dr. Jack Levy, Summer 2023 Rutgers University — Research Assistant, Dr. Daniel Kelemen, "Mapping the European Union" Project, May 2023 The Graduate Center, City University of New York — Research Assistant to Dr. Elizabeth Macaulay-Lewis, 2018–2020
Skills	R programming; qualitative content analysis; archival research, Qualtrics
Service	Discussant, Emerging Scholars Research Conference, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University, Spring 2023, 2024, 2025 Student Representative to the Dean for Master's Programs, The Graduate Center, City University of New York Member, Professional Staff Congress (PSC), CUNY