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Grande Review, *RiverSedge*, *Peregrine*, *Gulf Coast*, *Existere*, *Passager*, and *Willow Review*. Shapiro's poetry has been nominated twice for the Pushcart Prize, and she won the Branden Memorial Literary Award from Negative Capability. She currently teaches writing at UCLA Extension.

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