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SEPTEMBER 8

SUSAN MACMANUS

Distinguished Professor of Public Administration and Political Science, University of South Florida

Florida 2016!

Branscomb Auditorium



Has there ever been a stranger, more topsy-turvy political season than this one? Could Florida play a pivotal role in this free-for-all? On the eve of the 2016 election, well-known political observer Dr. Susan MacManus will address those and other questions in what is sure to be a lively lecture about an even livelier election. Dr. MacManus is a familiar figure in the media, offering insightful commentary about the state of politics in Florida and the nation. As Florida's most-quoted political scientist, she has appeared on every major broadcast and cable television and radio network. Raised in a citrus-growing family in Pasco County, Dr. MacManus is the author of several books and has been a member of the faculty at the University of South Florida since 1987.

OCTOBER 13

GORDON HARVEY

Professor of History, Jacksonville State University

Politics of Trust:

Reubin Askew and Florida in the 1970s

Hollis Room



Gov. Reubin Askew rose to power on a wave of “New South” leadership that hoped to advance the Democratic Party beyond the intransigence of southern politics since the Civil War. He aimed to replace appeals to white supremacy with a vision of a more diverse and inclusive party. Following his election in Florida, other New South leaders such as Georgia’s Jimmy Carter came to power. Prof. Gordon Harvey describes how Askew came from humble beginnings and inaugurated a series of reforms using audacity and candor.

Dr. Harvey has written or edited four books, including *The Politics of Trust: Reubin Askew and Florida in the 1970s*. The recipient of two endowed professorships, Dr. Harvey taught at the University of Louisiana at Monroe and Auburn University before assuming his position at Jacksonville State.

The Robert and Rose Stahl Criminal Justice Lecture honors the memories of Robert and Rose Stahl. Mr. Stahl served more than 30 years as a police officer, including his years as chief of police in North Miami Beach, Florida. The family of Robert and Rose Stahl has generously made these lectures available to Florida Southern College.

NOVEMBER 10

ARVA MOORE PARKS

Historian and Writer

**George Merrick,
Son of the South Wind:**

Visionary Creator of Coral Gables

Hollis Room



George Merrick helped create the Florida land boom of the 1920s, but he sought to distinguish himself from developers who pursued only profit and created one of the first progressive planned communities, the “master suburb” of Coral Gables. A New Urbanist before the movement existed, Merrick built stylish homes with native materials while investing in public infrastructure by designing and building parks and pools, trolley lines, and waterways. Mining a treasure trove of Merrick’s personal letters, documents, speeches, and manuscripts, South Florida historian Arva Moore Parks describes Merrick’s successes and his eventual losses. She is the former chief curator, interim director, and chair of the Coral Gables Museum and the author of numerous books on Florida history, including a biography of George Merrick.

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JANUARY 26

CATHERINE STEWART

Richard and Norma Small Distinguished Professor of History, Cornell College

Long Past Slavery:

Representing Race in Florida's
Federal Writers Project

Hollis Room



From 1936 to 1939, the New Deal's Federal Writers' Project collected life stories from more than 2,300 former African American slaves. In an examination of the project and its legacy, Prof. Catherine Stewart shows it was the product of competing visions of the past, as ex-slaves' memories of bondage, emancipation, and life as freed people were used to craft arguments for and against full inclusion of African Americans in society. Dr. Stewart analyzes a prominent archive used to construct the history of race relations. She is the author of *Long Past Slavery: Representing Race in the Federal Writers' Project* and specializes in late nineteenth- and twentieth-century U.S. social and cultural history. She has written extensively about Zora Neale Hurston, public memory, and the politics of textual and visual representation.

FEBRUARY 16

CANTER BROWN, JR.

Historian and Writer

Henry Bradley Plant:

The Real Story of the King of Florida

Hollis Room



Known far and wide in the late nineteenth century as the “King of Florida,” the railroad, hotel, and steamship magnate Henry Bradley Plant was one of the wealthiest men in the post-Civil War South, but no substantive biography of him has been written until now. Historian Canter Brown, Jr., reveals the previously unexplored heartbreak, loss, treachery, scandal, and triumph of the man who opened much of peninsular Florida to settlement and left as a breathtaking legacy the magnificent Tampa Bay Hotel. Dr. Brown, a native of Fort Meade, has authored or co-authored a score of works on Florida and Southern history, including a two-volume history of Polk County. He holds Ph.D. and law degrees from Florida State University and has been a professor at Florida A&M University and Fort Valley State University.

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PROFESSOR WALTER W. MANLEY II, FSC ALUMNUS.

MARCH 16

DOUGLAS BRINKLEY

Professor of History and Fellow in History at James Baker III Institute for Public Policy, Rice University

Rightful Heritage:

Franklin D. Roosevelt and the
Land of America

Branscomb Auditorium



Overshadowed by his cousin and predecessor, Theodore Roosevelt, as a conservationist, Franklin D. Roosevelt left his own environmental legacy.

He founded the Civilian Conservation Corps and built state park systems and scenic roadways from scratch. Through his leadership, pristine landscapes such as the Great Smokies, the Everglades, Joshua Tree, the Olympics, Big Bend, and the Channel Islands were forever saved. Dr. Douglas Brinkley shows how FDR deftly combined conservation goals with economic policy. Dr. Brinkley has been acclaimed as America's leading historian. He is the author or editor of more than 30 books, including the recent *Rightful Heritage: Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Land of America* and biographies of Rosa Parks and Walter Cronkite. Before assuming his position at Rice University, he was director of the Theodore Roosevelt Center for American Civilization at Tulane University.



THE LAWTON M. CHILES, JR. CENTER FOR FLORIDA HISTORY

Founded in 2001, the Lawton M. Chiles, Jr., Center for Florida History strives to enhance the teaching, study, and writing of Florida history. The center seeks to preserve the state's past through cooperative efforts with historical societies, preservation groups, museums, public programs, media, and interested persons. This unique center, housed in the Sarah D. and L. Kirk McKay, Jr., Archives Center, is a source of continuing information created to increase appreciation for Florida history.

ABOUT THE LECTURE SERIES

The Lawton M. Chiles, Jr. Florida Lecture Series is a forum that brings speakers to the Florida Southern College campus to explore Florida life and culture from a wide range of disciplines, including history, public affairs, law, sociology, criminology, anthropology, literature, and art. The overall objective of the series is to bring members of the community, the faculty, and the student body together to interact with and learn from leading scholars in their fields.

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ON THE COVER

A Civilian Conservation Corps crew works on a project in the 1930s.

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