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SEPTEMBER 8

SUSAN MacMANUS

Florida 2016!

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

Politics of Trust:
Reubin Askew and Florida in the 1970s

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.

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CATHERINE STEWART

Long Past Slavery: Representing Race in Florida's
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FEBRUARY 16

CANTER BROWN, JR.

Henry Bradley Plant: The Real Story of the King of Florida

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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MARCH 16

DOUGLAS BRINKLEY

Rightful Heritage: Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Land of America

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 *My Blue Heaven* 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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A Civilian Conservation Corps crew works on a project in the 1930s.

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All lectures begin at 7:00 pm
and are in the locations designated above.
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