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### EDUCATION

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**Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey** **August, 2018 - Current**

New Brunswick, New Jersey

Ph.D. in Political Science (in progress)

Fields of Study: Women and Politics, American Politics

**University of South Florida**

Tampa, Florida

**January 2016 - May 2017**

B.A. in Political Science, Minor in History

*Dean's List* (Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017); *Pi Sigma Alpha* (President, 2017-2018; V.P. of Community Service, 2016-2017)

B.A. in Criminology

**August 2003 - August 2007**

### EMPLOYMENT

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**Graduate Student Research Assistant**

**May 2021 – August 2021**

Dr. Richard Lau, Distinguished Professor  
Rutgers University – New Brunswick

**PLEN Coordinator**

**August 2020 –**

Douglass Residential College  
Rutgers University – New Brunswick

**Graduate Student Research Assistant**

**February 2019 -**

Dr. Kelly Dittmar, Director of Research and Scholar  
Center for American Women and Politics  
Rutgers University – New Brunswick

**Research Associate**

**June 2017 - August 2018**

Dr. Susan A. MacManus, Distinguished Professor (Emerita)  
Tampa, Florida

**Office Administrator**

**May 2015 - December 2015**

Greenspoon Marder LLP  
Tampa, Florida

**Office Manager, Paralegal**  
Clark and Washington, LLC  
Tampa, Florida

**February 2009 - May 2015**

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## **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

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Gender and Politics, Campaigns and Elections, Political Psychology, Political Participation/Behavior, Campaign Finance/Fundraising, Media and Politics, Political Parties, State Politics and Government

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## **RESEARCH**

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### **Publications**

MacManus, Susan A. and Amy N. Benner. 2021. "Voter Participation and Turnout: More Diverse Electorate, New Forms of Activism, Record Turnout" in *Gender and Elections: Shaping the Future of American Politics* (5th Edition) edited by Carroll, Susan J., Fox, Richard L. and Kelly Dittmar (Cambridge University Press).

MacManus, Susan A. and Amy N. Benner. 2021. "Women and the 2020 Election: Breaking Down Barriers" in *The Presidential Election of 2020: Donald Trump and the Crisis of Democracy* edited by William Crotty (Lexington Books).

MacManus, Susan A., Cilluffo, Anthony A., Bonanza, David, and Amy N. Benner. "Election 2020: Are Major Changes in Florida's Politics on the Horizon?" *Sayfie Review*. October 27, 2020.  
[https://www.sayfiereview.com/featured\\_column?column\\_id=83](https://www.sayfiereview.com/featured_column?column_id=83)

MacManus, Susan A. and Amy N. Benner. "Primary Election Day in Florida (100th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote): Record Number of Women Candidates." *Sayfie Review*. August 18, 2020.  
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MacManus, Susan A. and Amy N. Benner. 2020. "Women and Campaigns – Generational Change, Growing Activism" in *Campaigns on the Cutting Edge* (4<sup>th</sup> ed.), edited by Richard Semiatin (Sage Publishing).

MacManus, Susan A., Benner, Amy N., Bonanza, David J., and Anthony A. Cilluffo. "Florida Women Voters: Diverse and Divided." *Sayfie Review*. December 19, 2019.  
[https://www.sayfiereview.com/featured\\_column?column\\_id=80](https://www.sayfiereview.com/featured_column?column_id=80)

MacManus, Susan A., DePalo-Gould, Kathryn, and Amy N. Benner. "Who are the 122 Women Running for the Florida Legislature?" *Sayfie Review*. August 30, 2018.

[https://www.sayfiereview.com/featured\\_column?column\\_id=75](https://www.sayfiereview.com/featured_column?column_id=75)

MacManus, Susan A. and Amy N. Benner. "Early Visit Patterns of 2018 Republican Gubernatorial Candidates." *Sayfie Review*. March 28, 2018.

[https://www.sayfiereview.com/featured\\_column?column\\_id=73](https://www.sayfiereview.com/featured_column?column_id=73)

MacManus, Susan A. and Amy N. Benner. "Early Visit Patterns of 2018 Gubernatorial Candidates: Where, When, & Why." *Sayfie Review*. March 14, 2018.

[https://www.sayfiereview.com/featured\\_column?column\\_id=72](https://www.sayfiereview.com/featured_column?column_id=72)

### Works in Progress

Benner, Amy N. *Untitled* (Stacey Abrams and Leadership) in *Junctures in Women's Leadership* (Rutgers University Press).

### Professional Papers

MacManus, Susan A., Benner, Amy N., and Kathryn DePalo-Gould. "Women's Growing Clout is Changing the South's Political Landscape." Paper presented at the Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, Charleston, South Carolina, March 3-4, 2022.

Benner, Amy N. "Show Me the Money: The Effects of Intersectional Stereotyping on the Decision to Donate to Black Women Candidates." Paper presented at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Emerging Scholars Conference, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University, May 6, 2020.

MacManus, Susan A. and Amy N. Benner. "Winning at the Margins: Party Micro-targeting Strategies in Swing State Florida 2020." Paper presented at the Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, Charleston, South Carolina, March 5-6, 2020.

MacManus, Susan A. and Amy N. Benner. "Early Visits—Who Goes Where, When, and Why? Tracking Florida's 2018 Democratic and Republican Gubernatorial Candidates." Paper presented at the Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, Charleston, South Carolina, March 1-2, 2018.

Benner, Amy N. "Women Who Donate to PACs: Who Contributed to Ruth's List Florida (PAC) and Why?" Paper presented at the Florida Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 1, 2017.

Benner, Amy N. "Women Who Donate to PACs: Who Contributed to Ruth's List Florida (PAC) and Why?" 2017 Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Research Conference, George Washington University, February 18, 2017.

### **Other Professional Presentations**

Benner, Amy N. "Women Who Donate to PACs: Who Contributed to Ruth's List Florida (PAC) and Why?" Poster Presentation at the University of South Florida Undergraduate Research Colloquium, Tampa, Florida, April 2017.

Baker, Kelsey, Benner, Amy, Bocchino, Christine, and Georgia Pevy. "Infographics: What Role do They Play Communicating Survey Results to the General Publics?" Poster Presentation at the University of South Florida Undergraduate Research Colloquium, Tampa, Florida, April 2017.

### **Other Professional Activities**

*Discussant*, "Feminizing Political Institutions: How Descriptive Representation Changes Gendered Perceptions of Political Institutions" (working paper) by Dr. Nichole M. Bauer. Center for the Experimental Study of Politics and Psychology/Emerging Trends, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University – New Brunswick (November 2021).

*Participant*, Summer Institute for Computational Social Science (SICCS), Rutgers University – New Brunswick. Virtual. (June 2021).

*Discussant*, American Politics Panel Session 8 (Political Participation), Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Student Research Conference. Virtual. (March 2021).

*Member*, Anti-Racism Working Group, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University – New Brunswick (September 2020 – August 2021).

*Student Advisor*, Pi Sigma Alpha – Beta Omicron Chapter, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University – New Brunswick (September 2020 – current).

*Coordinator*, Gender and Politics Seminars (GAP), Department of Political Science, Rutgers University – New Brunswick (September 2019 – current).

*Graduate Student Mentor*, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University – New Brunswick (September 2019 – May 2020).

*Communications Director*, Political Science Graduate Student Association, Rutgers University – New Brunswick (September 2019 – May 2020).

## **Contributor**

Bullock III, Charles S., MacManus, Susan A., Mayer, Jeremy D., and Mark J. Rozell. 2022. "Andrew Gillum Narrowly Loses 2018 Governor's Race" in *African American Statewide Candidates in the New South*. Oxford University Press.

MacManus, Susan A. and Kathryn DePalo-Gould. "Women vs. Women: Insights from Florida's All-Female State Legislative Races." *Sayfie Review*. October 9, 2019.

[https://www.sayfiereview.com/featured\\_column?column\\_id=79](https://www.sayfiereview.com/featured_column?column_id=79)

MacManus, Susan A. "A Quick Look at Florida's Register Voters Ahead of the August 28 Primary." *Sayfie Review*. June 11, 2018.

[https://www.sayfiereview.com/featured\\_column?column\\_id=74](https://www.sayfiereview.com/featured_column?column_id=74)

## **TEACHING**

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**Instructor of Record, "American Party Politics"** **Spring 2022**  
Rutgers University – New Brunswick

**Teaching Assistant, "Media and Politics"** **Spring 2018**  
Dr. Susan A. MacManus, University of South Florida

**Teaching Assistant, "Florida Politics and Government"** **Fall 2017**  
Dr. Susan A. MacManus, University of South Florida

## **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND HONORS**

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**Excellence Fellowship** **2019 - 2020**  
Rutgers University, New Brunswick

**Howard Penniman Graduate Scholarship** **2018**  
Pi Sigma Alpha

**Outstanding Member Award** **2017**  
Zeta Pi Chapter, Pi Sigma Alpha

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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**SKILLS**

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Trained in SSPS, R (quantitative) and NVivo (qualitative) statistical software; Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint); Canvas; experience with social media platforms (Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube) and video conferencing platforms (Zoom, Webex).

\*References available upon request.

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