



*South Jersey NOW – Alice Paul chapter
Program Meeting
on July 18, 7:30 pm
at First Baptist Church, 19 W Main
Street, Moorestown*

She's Running! Women in Politics, Tipping Back the Balance of Power

The last “Year of the Woman” was in 1992 when a record number of female candidates were elected to national office. Today, a new wave of women candidates, many inspired by the results of the 2017 election and emboldened by the #MeToo movement, may help Democrats retake the White House, the Congress and State Legislatures.

As she did on NPR's “The Takeaway” radio program on June 1, chapter member Dr. Shauna Lani Shames will tell us about the institutional forces that have kept women from political representation for centuries and the new efforts to tip back the balance of power. She will tell us how many women are running and where, and some of the structural constraints as well as opportunities they face this fall.

Dr. Shames is an Assistant Professor in the Political Science Department at Rutgers-Camden. She has published on women as candidates, black women in Congress, comparative child care policy, work/family conflict, abortion, U.S. And international feminism, gay and lesbian rights, and U.S. Public opinion. Prior to entering academia, Shauna worked with several non-profit and feminist organizations including national NOW and The White House Project. She received her PhD in American Government from Harvard in 2014. In 2017, she published a book based on her dissertation research entitled *Out of the Running: Why Millennials Reject Political Careers and Why it Matters*. In 2018, she edited *The Right Women: Republican Activists, Candidates and Legislators*. Her next book will be *Dystopian States: Bad Government and How to Resist, in Fact and Fiction*.

When Shauna last spoke at a South Jersey NOW Program Meeting, her topic was “why minority women are less likely to run for political office.” A superb presenter, Shauna was given 100% excellent evaluations from those who attended. We are delighted to have her back to discuss this important, timely, powerful and inspiring issue.

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