

Contents

Introduction

1

Part I: Who Runs?

- 1 What If Women Won't Run? Exploring Gender Gaps in Elite Political Ambition | Karen O'Connor and Alixandra B. Yanus 19
- 2 Who Runs? Data from Women Trained as Candidates | Rachel I. Bernhard, Shauna L. Shames, Rachel Silbermann, and Dawn Langan Teele 30
- 3 Political Ambition, Structural Obstacles, and the Fate of Republican Women | Malliga Och 41
- 4 Who Is Stacey Abrams? An Examination of Gender and Race Dynamics in State-Level Candidacy | Jamil Scott, Kesicia Dickinson, and Pearl K. Dowe 56

Part II: Why Run?

- 5 Ambition for Office: Women and Policy-making | Sue Thomas and Catherine Wineinger 75
- 6 From Civic Mindedness to Electoral Politics: Citizen Advisory Committees and the Decision to Run for School Board | Rebecca E. Deen and Beth Anne Shelton 93

- 7 Youth National Service and Women's Political Ambition:
The Case of Teach For America
| Cecilia Hyunjung Mo and Georgia Anderson-Nilsson 108

Part III: Why Not Run?

- 8 The Uneven Geography of Candidate Emergence: How the
Expectation of Winning Influences Candidate Emergence
| Heather L. Ondercin 129
- 9 How Political Parties Can Diversify Their Leadership
| Alejandra Gimenez Aldridge, Christopher F. Karpowitz,
J. Quin Monson, and Jessica Robinson Preece 138
- 10 Late to the Party: Black Women's Inconsistent Support
from Political Parties | Nadia E. Brown and Pearl K. Dowe 153
- 11 Women's Political Ambition and the 2016 Election
| Chris W. Bonneau and Kristin Kanthak 167

Part IV: How Nonprofits Help Women Run for Office

- 12 Women Candidate Recruitment Groups in the States
| Rebecca Kreitzer and Tracy Osborn 183
- 13 Are You Ready to Run*? Campaign Trainings and
Women's Candidacies in New Jersey
| Kira Sanbonmatsu and Kelly Dittmar 193
- 14 Pieces of Women's Political Ambition Puzzle: Changing
Perceptions of a Political Career with Campaign Training
| Monica C. Schneider and Jennie Sweet-Cushman 203
- 15 Women Running in the World: Candidate Training Programs
in Comparative Perspective | Jennifer M. Piscopo 215

Part V: The Special Role of Money

- 16 Building a Campaign Donor Network: How Candidate
Gender and Partisanship Impact the Campaign Money Chase
| Michele L. Swers and Danielle M. Thomsen 239
- 17 Training Women to Run in an African Democracy:
The Case of Benin | Martha C. Johnson 258

18	Paying It Forward: Candidate Contributions and Support for Diverse Candidates Jaclyn J. Kettler	273
	Conclusion: A Reason and a Season to Run	289
	Bibliography	297
	Contributors	305
	Index	311