

First Coast Tiger Bay Tracks

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If You Thought 2023 Was Bad, Just Wait . . . The 2024 Election Cycle with Dr. Daniel Cronrath November 17, 2023

A century ago, H.L. Mencken humorously observed, "Democracy is the art and science of running the circus from the monkey cage." His words still resonate today, as we find Americans increasingly alienated from politics and dissatisfied with their election choices. To help us make sense about the complexities of next year's elections, the **First Coast Tiger Bay Club** November Forum presents **Dr. Daniel S. Cronrath**, a seasoned political science professor at both Florida State College at Jacksonville and Jacksonville University.



Dr. Cronrath has a rich and diverse career spanning public service, politics, and higher education, with over 25 years of experience. A Pennsylvania native, he kick-started his journey by earning a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Bloomsburg University and then a Ph.D. in Public Administration from Valdosta State University, where he focused on firearms policy and public management. His early career included being a legislative staffer in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Democratic Caucus and later worked as a government affairs specialist for the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, where he lobbied on behalf of local school boards.

Relocating to Florida in 2002, Dr. Cronrath continued to make a significant impact, working six years for the City of Jacksonville in various roles, including as the city's first Grants Administrator and as the Mayors Against Illegal Guns Regional Coordinator in Florida. There he tirelessly advocated for gun violence cessation, traveling extensively in Florida and the nation. Additionally, he served as the Vice President of Domestic Operations for Fresh Ministries, Inc., an international NGO focused on enhancing the quality of life for underprivileged populations.

Dr. Cronrath credentials extend to his education as an alumnus of the Graduate School of Political Management

at The George Washington University. He has been a consultant on various political campaigns for Congress, circuit court, state senate, state house, school superintendent, school board, and county attorney. You may recognize him as a political analyst for CBS 47/Fox 30 Action News Jax, WJXT Channel 4, Florida Gateway College Television, and WJCT Public Media.

In addition to his teaching and mentoring students at Jacksonville University and Florida State College at Jacksonville, Dr. Cronrath wrote *American Federal Government Made Easy*, a e-textbook designed for students new to American government and is currently authoring a new book exploring the intersectionality of religion, public policy and economics related to ending poverty.

Dr. Cronrath brings what he terms a "principled nonpartisanship" framework to his political analysis in which he challenges us to go beyond conventional stereotypes and confirmation biases that often hinder meaningful political dialogue. For his insights into how the media influences politics see his [online presentation](#). For some of his recent TV commentary on the elections see his analyses of [debates](#) and [primaries](#).

We invite your questions and participation in our election's forum on **November 17th**. Dr. Cronrath's expertise will be invaluable in helping us form a thoughtful perspective for the upcoming 2024 elections. Join us to foster a better understanding of the political landscape and encourage active democratic engagement.

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