

# Jean Décary

(514) 912-1492 | jeandecary@gmail.com | www.jeandecary.com

---

## Education

2003	Master of History (M.A. ès arts)	<b>Université du Québec à Montréal</b> (Quebec)
1998	Humanities	<b>Hertfordshire University</b> (Great Britain)
1997	B.A. majoring in Communication	<b>Université Laval</b> (Québec, Quebec)
2014	Canadian Securities Course	<b>Canadian Securities Institute</b> (CSI)
2017	Covered Call Writing	<b>Canadian Securities Institute</b> (CSI)
2019	Personal Financial Services Advice	<b>Canadian Securities Institute</b> (CSI)

---

## Career Summary

For several years I have been working in communications, notably at the federal government. I currently do consulting and writing work for various organizations.

---

## Summary of Skills

- Excellent writing skills; flexible and analytical with attention to detail; ability to sort and synthesize information quickly.
  - Versatile, independent and resourceful; high adaptability.
  - Experience in supervising and managing a work unit.
  - Skilled in project planning, coordination and problem-solving.
  - Ability to multitask in a stressful environment.
- 

## Professional Experience

### Chief / Senior Communications Advisor

October 2005 – November 2012

*Canada Economic Development,  
Montréal*

- Wrote speaking notes for the Minister and senior executives (Deputy Minister, etc.).
- Coordinated a work unit and managed a budget.
- Analyzed data and drafting communication products (communication plans, media releases, Question Period in the House of Commons, etc.).
- Coordinated and organized public events.
- Provided strategic communications advice.

### Communications Manager

March 2000 – June 2004

*Canada Customs and Revenue Agency,  
Montréal*

- Served as Agency spokesperson.
- Planned and coordinated public relations events.
- Conceptualized, launched and coordinated development of the intranet site.
- Created a corporate newspaper and served as its editor.

### Communications Consultant

December – November 1999

*Quebec Federal Council (QFC), Montréal*

- Led various special projects (seminars, thematic days, etc.).
- Wrote and revised articles and texts (media releases, annual report, etc.).

---

## Related Experience

### Journalistic Collaborations

1996 –

Daily newspaper *Le Devoir*; various publications: *Les Affaires*, *Huffington Post Québec*, *Montréal en Tête* (Société historique de Montréal), *Bulletin d'histoire politique* and *Politiques et Sociétés*; a weekly: *Le Courrier de Portneuf*; various corporate newsletters and a student newspaper.

### Conversation Monitor in French as a Foreign language

*House of Friendship*

2014-

- Facilitate French workshops conversation for newcomers.

### Radio Interviewer

*Radio Ville-Marie (91,3 FM) Nouveaux regards sur notre histoire*

2013-

- Researching interview topics.
- Preparing questions and conducting interviews.

### Press Secretary

*Denis Lebel, Minister of State and federal MP for Roberval–Lac-St-Jean*

2009

- Managed and coordinated press relations.
- Wrote speaking notes for the Minister and all media documents.
- Provided the Minister with strategic communications advice.
- Supported the Minister in his ministerial responsibilities (Parliament, public announcements, etc.).

### Associate Researcher

*Chaire Hector-Fabre d'histoire du Québec (UQAM), Montréal*  
(Hector Fabre Chair of Quebec History at UQAM)

July 2004-2007

- Collaborated in the researching and writing of an essay, scientific articles and reading reviews for various periodicals (newspapers, scientific journals, etc.).
- Conducted background interviews with past and present Canadian and Quebec political figures.
- Researched archival and library materials.

### Some achievements :

- Jury member for the Percy-W.-Foy recipient of the *Société historique de Montréal* (2013).
- Author of a political essay. *Dans l'œil du Sphinx – Claude Morin et les relations internationales du Québec*, Montréal: VLB Éditeur, 248 p. (2005).
- Organizing Committee Member of the Robert-Bourassa Seminar at UQAM (2002).

---

## Interests

Reading (novels, essays, etc.), sports (jogging, tennis, motorcycling) fly fishing and travelling.

- Certificate of Achievement B2. International Service for the Evaluation of the Spanish Language (SIELE) (*Servicio Internacional de Evaluación de la Lengua Española*)
- Certified PADI Open Water Scuba Diver (2013).

## REFERENCES ON REQUEST