



Hugh Segal

Hugh Segal was the fifth Head of Massey College, at the University of Toronto, where he is a Senior Fellow. He is a former Chair of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, and the Special Senate Committee on anti-terrorism. He has also served as Chief of Staff to Prime Minister Mulroney, Associate Cabinet Secretary for federal provincial relations in Ontario under Premier William Davis, and as President of the Institute for Research on Public Policy in Montreal.

He is a Senior Strategic Advisor at the Aird & Berlis LLP law firm, and a Distinguished Fellow at both the Munk School of Global Affairs, and the School of Policy Studies at Queen's University. He graduated from the University of Ottawa with a degree in history in 1972.

His public policy focus for many years has been reforming income security in Canada with a Basic Income guarantee. His foreign policy focus as Chair of the NAO Council of Canada, and Co-Chair of the Democracy 10 International Strategy Forum, grouping the 10 major democracy countries in the defence and promotion of the two core freedoms: from fear and from want. He has written seven books on public policy, and holds honorary doctorates from the University of Ottawa and the Royal Military College. He is an Honorary Captain of the Royal Canadian Navy, and most recently, served as Canada's Special Envoy. He is a member of the Eminent Persons Group dealing with human rights and rule of law in Commonwealth countries. He also recently wrote the proposal published by Ontario for a pilot project on a Basic Income.

He is married to Donna Armstrong, a former senior health ministry official. They have one daughter, Jacqueline, and live in Kingston, Ontario.