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Sean Holman is the Wayne Crookes Professor in Environmental and Climate Journalism at the University of Victoria, freedom of information researcher and the founding editor of the pioneering online investigative political news service Public Eye. A former syndicated columnist, he also worked as a legislative reporter for 24 Hours Vancouver and the Vancouver Sun.

In 2004, Holman won the Jack Webster Award for leading a five-month investigation into what became known as the Doug Walls affair. The investigation resulted in the resignation of the Minister of Children and Family Development and the firing of his deputy.

He was also recognized in 2012 with a special mention in J-Source's Canadian Newsperson of the Year competition for "using new and emerging media technologies to expand the number of journalistic voices in this country and to redefine the relationship between journalists and citizens."

In addition to his online and print work, Holman hosted and produced Public Eye Radio, a Sunday morning political talk show on Victoria radio station CFAX 1070 that ran for seven years. A former British Columbia government communications advisor, his coverage and commentary have also appeared in the Huffington Post, the Globe and Mail, the Toronto Star, the Tyee, the Times Colonist and Dow Jones News Service.

In 2013, he produced and directed the groundbreaking documentary *Whipped: The Secret World of Party Discipline*, which aired on the Cable Public Affairs Channel. Holman is also a former vice-president and Alberta/Northwest Territories regional director for the Canadian Association of Journalists. He is presently a doctoral student at the University of Birmingham where he is writing a dissertation on the history of the federal government's Access to Information Act.