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## Top Skills

Archival Research  
Digital Research  
Legal History

## Languages

Arabic

## Certifications

Poynter-Gannett Columnist  
Certificate  
FAA Remote Pilot Certificate w/  
Small Unmanned Aircraft System  
rating  
Strictly Financials Fellow

## Honors-Awards

First Place, General News Story  
Strictly Financials Fellowship  
First Place, Government Issue  
Reporting  
First Place, Spot News  
Best Feature Story

# Jeremy Fugleberg

Storyhunter - Journalist, Researcher, Author  
Mankato, Minnesota, United States

## Summary

I'm an experienced journalist and researcher with a special interest in history, mystery, culture and international relations. I love finding and telling true stories about poorly understood subcultures, newly discovered objects and overlooked people.

## Experience

Forum Communications Co.

Editor - The Vault

August 2019 - Present (5 years 4 months)

Fargo, North Dakota, United States

- I'm the editor of The Vault, one of Forum Communications Co.'s fastest growing and most ambitious content projects: a home for both investigations and escapist, true-life stories about the history, mysteries, crime and culture of the Midwest.
- I develop and implement content strategy and work with teams across my company, including advertising, marketing, reader engagement and analytics, to make The Vault a success with customers.
- I work with top editors at my company's 20+ local news sites to source or generate "Vault-style" stories that have regional interest, then develop, distribute and promote them across a dedicated channel on all company sites and via social media.
- I assist with product development, including working on podcasting and video documentary teams.
- As a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of Forum Communications Co., I discuss, advise on and author editorial pieces reflecting the position of the board on issues important to our communities and the region.

Previous roles:

- NewsMD editor: December 2021-September 2022
- Forum News Service South Dakota bureau chief: October 2020-December 2021
- NewsMD regional health correspondent: August 2019-December 2021

## Diplomatic Courier

### Contributing & Special Series Editor

November 2022 - Present (2 years 1 month)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

- I work with both regular writers and contributors to select submission topics and edit articles and reviews for content, clarity, and house style, for use on Diplomatic Courier's website, bookazines and other publications.
- Particular topics of interest/focus: Climate and energy, interplay of U.S. domestic politics and foreign policy, the Middle East, news media and social media, journalist access/rights, free speech and mis-/disinformation.
- I was a member of World in 2050's inaugural Innovation Lab in 2022, addressing climate change and energy transitions.
- I was a participant and rapporteur for the Salzburg Global Seminar program "On the Front Line: Artists at Risk, Artists Who Risk" in Salzburg, Austria, in March 2023.

## Freelance (Self employed)

### Author

April 2023 - Present (1 year 8 months)

- I am currently working on a book profiling prominent federal judges and legal cases in North Dakota, under a commission from the North Dakota Branch of the Historical Society of the United States Court in the Eight Circuit.
- Judges to be profiled include Charles F. Amidon and First Amendment cases during the World War I and Espionage and Sedition Acts, Ronald N. Davies and his pivotal rulings amid the desegregation crisis in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1957, and Bruce Van Sickle and his sweeping rulings that saved family farms in *Coleman v. Block* and righted wrongs against the developmentally disabled community in *ARC of North Dakota v. Olson*.
- My research process, now underway, includes archival searches, in-person interviews and online research. Research locations have included multiple locations in North Dakota, as well as Kansas City, Missouri, and Little Rock, Arkansas.
- This work includes rigorous fact-checking, sourcing, research tracking and book preparation, including working with a potential publisher to meet their specifications.
- The goal is to produce a 350-400-page non-fiction history book, written using narrative non-fiction techniques, accessible and of interest to a general audience.
- Expected publication date: 2027-2028

## Freelance

### Journalist

March 2003 - Present (21 years 9 months)

- For oddity/artifact website Atlas Obscura, wrote about the strange but true disappearance of a supposed yeti hand from a Nepal monastery, the story of Wyoming's Pedro Mountain child mummy, restaurants housed in airplanes, and abandoned desert cinema in Egypt's Sinai, and other topics.
- Appeared on the Travel Channel for work on ancient child mummies and on BBC World and National Public Radio for coverage of a meeting between the NAACP and the KKK.
- Worked with numerous assignment editors to produce articles about business, politics, and human-interest features, on deadline.

## YPFP (Young Professionals in Foreign Policy)

### Social Media Manager

March 2019 - March 2021 (2 years 1 month)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

- Write and edit social media posts for Charged Affairs, the online publication of Young Professionals in Foreign Policy.
- Create and implement a strategic plan to build out Charged Affairs social media presence on Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook.

## Gannett | USA TODAY NETWORK

### Editor, Sioux Falls Business Journal

April 2017 - August 2019 (2 years 5 months)

Sioux Falls, South Dakota Area

- Manage and edit online and print business coverage, social media and newsletter curation at Sioux Falls Business Journal, the business content vertical of the Argus Leader;
- Serve as lead writer for business content in the Business Journal and Argus Leader, covering health care, real estate, retail, restaurants and entrepreneurs;
- Regularly work remotely, using cloud-based content management systems and a VPN, with local staff and distributed, remote production teams to coordinate print and online production work.

## Enquirer Media

### Journalist

February 2015 - April 2017 (2 years 3 months)

Cincinnati Area, KY

NEIGHBORHOODS REPORTER (November 2016-March 2017)

- Combined data, research and old-fashioned shoe-leather reporting to tell the city's hidden stories and described the ties that bind us and the walls that divide us.
- Beat area: all 52 city neighborhoods and its earliest suburbs.
- As of January, an FAA-certified drone pilot, applying for Gannett's drone pilot program.

#### PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN REPORTER (January 2016-November 2016)

- Covered the presidential races in Ohio for The Enquirer and the USA TODAY Network including candidate and surrogate visits and reporting on the campaigns and voters.
- Broke news of a Trump non-disclosure agreement required to remotely phone bank for Donald Trump, profiled voters everywhere from the Rust Belt to Appalachia, covered pedicabs and protesters at the Republican National Convention and had a one-on-one interview with Donald Trump that got cut short after he didn't like a question.
- As part of a Enquirer/USA TODAY Network team, covered the still-unsolved murders of eight members of the same family in Pike County.
- As a member of The Enquirer's government/politics team, assisted with watchdog work, investigative projects on politics, transportation, policing, federal policy, environmental issues and county, state and federal government.

#### OPINION WRITER (February 2015 - January 2016)

- Wrote editorials meant to provide facts, compel action, convict consciences and heal wounds.
- Won the 2016 best editorial campaign award from the Ohio Society of Professional Journalists for editorials on police accountability and transparency.
- Led topic selection and writing for our in-depth cover editorials for a Sunday Forum print section.
- As a member of the Enquirer's editorial board, met with politicians and other newsmakers and represented the Enquirer at various events.
- Assisted in the selection of letters-to-the-editor and guest columns for publication, ensuring they provide a broad cross-section of opinions.

#### Lee Enterprises

##### Opinion/Contributing Editor

January 2011 - February 2015 (4 years 2 months)

Casper, Wyoming Area

##### OPINION/CONTRIBUTING EDITOR (January 2014 - February 2015)

- Wrote daily editorials, booked opinion pages and edited columnists and letter writers.
- Broke news detailing misspending of Department of Homeland Security funds and exposed how small-town police in Wyoming have used the Defense Department's 1033 program to get military surplus armored vehicles and a grenade launcher.
- Covered a Hells Angel biker rally, hiked to a rumored mummy cave and researched Spanish artifact finds.

#### ASSISTANT MANAGING EDITOR (February 2013 - January 2014)

- Managed five reporters whose beats covered energy, business, education and politics.
- Led award-winning coverage of Wyoming's high rate of oil refinery safety violations, workplace fatalities and homelessness.
- For a month, managed the the Star-Tribune's 35-member newsroom as acting editor.
- Covered and broke news of the first meeting between two NAACP and KKK leaders.

#### BUSINESS EDITOR (May 2012 - February 2013)

- Led coverage of energy and business beats, identified missed stories and trends, booked a weekly business section.
- Used internal emails to expose a climate change art controversy among administrators at the University of Wyoming and prominent donors.
- Named a 2013 Strictly Financials Fellow by the Donald W. Reynolds National Center for Business Journalism, trained to understand corporate financial filings.

#### ENERGY REPORTER (January 2011 - May 2012)

- Covered the energy beat: coal, oil, natural gas, uranium, renewable energy.
- Broke news of EPA testing failures in the Pavillion fracking case, an oil well blowout and coal and oilfield worker deaths.
- Told stories about a uranium hunting mancamp, a tiny, forgotten oil refinery and the fears and hopes surrounding a planned coal-to-gasoline conversion facility.
- Completed Investigative Reporters and Editors data journalism workshops (2011, 2012), later led the team that created a popular database of restaurant inspections.

#### Media Women Forum -- Yemen

## Liaison/Program Officer

April 2010 - August 2010 (5 months)

Sana'a, Yemen

- As program officer based in Sana'a, Yemen, designed, authored, co-authored or edited funding proposals worth \$1.1 million for the Yemeni-led organization's administration, journalism training programs and media advocacy.
- As liaison officer, both in Yemen and remotely in the U.S., served as a main contact with embassies and international aid organizations, including European Union aid program representatives, German and British embassies and the organization Search for Common Ground.
- Worked with a small, all-female, Arabic-speaking staff to edit outgoing publications and communications.
- Was profiled by the U.S. Center For Citizen Diplomacy as one of "America's Unofficial Ambassadors."

## Lee Enterprises

Business Reporter

August 2008 - August 2009 (1 year 1 month)

- At the Rapid City Journal in South Dakota, broke business news regarding the tourism industry, state economy and local businesses, including a number of articles explaining the local impact of the Great Recession.
- Covered the downfall of a local real estate magnate caught in a credit squeeze and forced to unravel his holdings, owned through a number of shell companies.
- Quadrupled traffic to the Journal's business blog by creating and editing daily content, Twitter integration and quick, open interaction with readers.

## United Communications Corp.

City Reporter

July 2007 - August 2008 (1 year 2 months)

Watertown, South Dakota

- At the Watertown Public Opinion in South Dakota, reported and photographed the 2008 national election stops in Watertown by Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, including an interview of Obama.
- Created the newspaper's first weblogs.
- Covered courts, law enforcement, local government and state issues, including agricultural policy and local zoning and budget fights.

## South Dakota State University

### Editor in Chief, Interim Adviser

May 2006 - September 2007 (1 year 5 months)

Brookings, South Dakota

- As interim adviser, managed the summer transition of The Collegian, South Dakota State University's independent, student-run weekly newspaper, after serving a year as editor in chief.
- As editor in chief, directed the redesign and newsroom restructuring of The Collegian and led it throughout a year's publication for which its staff won national and regional honors for quality and a state award for defense of free speech rights.
- Managed a staff of approximately 25 editors, reporters and photographers, winning a journalism department leadership award for 2007.
- Previously worked as a reporter, managing editor of Juice (the Collegian's art, entertainment and life publication).

### Hennen Publishing

Assistant Graphic Designer

April 2005 - April 2007 (2 years 1 month)

Brookings, South Dakota

### Gannett

Intern - Sioux Falls Argus Leader

June 2006 - August 2006 (3 months)

Sioux Falls, South Dakota Area

### Three Eagles Communications, Brookings Radio

Reporter Intern

April 2004 - August 2005 (1 year 5 months)

Brookings, South Dakota

### South Dakota State University

News Director - KSDJ FM

2003 - 2004 (1 year)

Brookings, South Dakota

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## Education

University of Kentucky Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce

M.A., International Relations and National Security Studies · (2009 - 2010)

South Dakota State University

Double B.S., Political Science, Mass Communication · (2001 - 2008)

The American University in Cairo

Coursework in Arabic, political science and Egyptology · (2005 - 2006)

University of Sioux Falls

Coursework in criminal justice and English · (2001 - 2001)