

**Dr. Mukesh Kumar** is an Associate Professor for Urban and Regional Planning at Jackson State University. He also served as the Director of Planning & Development for the City of Jackson, MS. His research interest is focused on the nature and quality of the public realm, and processes – economic and technical, that shape the future of urban areas.

His research has been funded and supported by the National Science Foundation, Federal Highway Administration, Greater New Orleans Chamber of Commerce, and Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. He is currently engaged in two major research projects. In examining the inefficiencies of urban commuting patterns using data from National Household Travel Survey, Census Transportation planning Products Program and Urban Mobility Reports, he expects to explain and offer additional insights into how disamenities are absorbed by the housing and the labor market. His other major research project involves constrained choice models of segregation using tract level census data.

He teaches courses in Research Methodology, Statistical Analyses, and Economic Development. He is a city planner and routinely consults with municipalities on issues related to development and revitalization. Committed to the values of equity and justice, he finds his inner quiet within webs of urban complexities. Using running and cycling as excuses to experience the built environment, he enjoys being a perennial student of cities.