**Call for Papers**

**Disciplinary Research on the 2021 Jackson Water Crisis**

**Mississippi Urban Research Center**

**Online Journal of Urban and Rural Research**

***The Mississippi Urban Research Center (MURC) Online Journal of Urban and Rural Research*** invites submissions for a special issue devoted to research on the 2021 Jackson (MS) Water Crisis. The February 2021 ice storm produced a series of events that included power outages, transportation stoppages, burst water pipes, and malfunctioning water plant equipment. These events led to citywide water shortages resulting in major health, economic, political, human, and social disruptions impacting over 100,000 residents. Although urban areas such as Jackson (MS) possess a wealth of strengths and assets to support their own communities during times of crisis, the social, human, and economic toll of the 2021 Water crisis threatens to leave irreparable damage if not adequately addressed by local, state, and national officials. The 2021 Jackson Water Crisis presents an opportunity for scholars, activists, practitioners, and community members to address these issues through disciplinary or multidisciplinary lenses that offer strategies responding to these complex issues.

This special issue will feature empirical, conceptual, and policy research articles that address critical issues associated with the 2021 Jackson Water Crisis. We are interested in quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods studies that offer discipline or multidisciplinary insights into the 2021 Jackson Water Crisis. Studies should have clearly defined implications for research, practice, or policy. We welcome papers from a variety of fields including social work, public health, business, public policy, urban and regional planning, nursing, education, sociology, criminology, psychology, science/technology, education, humanities, and other disciplines.

**Guest Editor:** This special issue will be guest edited by Isiah Marshall Jr., School of Social Work/College of Health Sciences, Jackson State University (MS). Co-editors/reviewers TBA.

**Deadlines:** A one-page abstract (with identifying cover information) providing an overview of the proposed research with references is due by **Friday, May 28th, 2021**. Notifications of abstracts selected for manuscript submission will be announced on **Friday, July 2nd, 2021**. From those abstracts selected, a full manuscript must be submitted for review no later than **Friday, August 6th, 2021**. Manuscripts will be reviewed during July and August. It is anticipated the Special Journal edition will be released online no later than **Friday, October 1st, 2021**. Inquiries and abstract submissions should be sent to [murc@jsums.edu](mailto:murc@jsums.edu). Please include in the subject line **Water Crisis**.

**Review:** Each manuscript will undergo a double-blind, peer review process using the following criteria: connection/focus to the journal special edition topic; a strong argument for the use of selected theoretical framework(s); justifications for research methodology; and implications for research, practice, or policy. Reviewers will be selected based on expertise. All papers should adhere to the APA stylistic guidelines.

**Publishing Related Activities:** Upon publication of the Special Journal Edition, a press release and accompanying press conference are proposed to highlight the important studies presented in the journal. Also, a Town Hall forum with breakout sessions (online) will be sponsored to provide the authors an opportunity to discuss their work and exchange ideas with colleagues and community members. Lastly, working with the JSU Office of Research and Economic Development, and similar external funding organizations, contributing authors will be assisted in locating funding opportunities to implement ideas and strategies suggested.