

Aashish Kumar

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Prof. Kumar is a social action scholar and a documentary filmmaker.

Biography

Professor Kumar has taught undergraduate and graduate courses in documentary, advocacy videos, immersive/interactive media, and television studies in the Radio/TV/Film Dept. He is also an award-winning documentary filmmaker and social action scholar whose work turns a spotlight on issues such as emerging democracies, social stigmas, globalization, migration, civic engagement, and grassroots advocacy. His films have been shown in domestic and international film festivals, used in grassroots community advocacy, and distributed to academic institutions. Most recently he was awarded a Fulbright Specialist grant to spend five weeks developing curriculum and creating a blueprint for an immersive media laboratory at the Mass Communication Research Center, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi, India's premier graduate institution in film/television, animation, and journalism. This is Prof. Kumar's third Fulbright Award - he has been a recipient of an earlier Fulbright Specialist award to Durban, South Africa (2016) and of a Fulbright Senior Scholar award to Hyderabad, India (2008).

Industry Expertise

Motion Pictures and Film, Media Production, Media - Broadcast, Education/Learning, Non-Profit/Charitable

Areas of Expertise

Filmmaking, democratic discourse, Civic Engagement, grassroots advocacy

Education

Brooklyn College, City University of New York

MFA Television Production

Indiana State University

MS Radio/Television/Film

Delhi University

BA/MA Sociology

Accomplishments

Fulbright Specialist

Prof. Kumar was selected to be a Fulbright Specialist in communications and journalism at Durban University of Technology (DUT) in South Africa. He worked with students and faculty at DUT's arts and design school to develop a community media project and a model for a high-school documentary workshop. This was his second Fulbright award.

Fulbright Scholar

As a Fulbright Scholar, Prof. Kumar taught a documentary production course to students in the MA Communication program at the University of Hyderabad. He also did research for a documentary on reverse migration and global cities.

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