

As the Director of Engaged Scholarship, **Tamara Johnson** provides leadership to support community-based learning and civic responsibility at UNC Charlotte. She coordinates UNC Charlotte's voter engagement efforts, curriculum integration strategy for community engagement, and data mapping and assessment strategy for community-engaged teaching and research partnerships. Tamara co-founded and co-directs UNC Charlotte's Bonner Leaders Program, an intensive, four-year community engagement opportunity for undergraduates in which Bonner Leaders are embedded in Charlotte-based institutions and agencies, participate in weekly skills development seminars, earn course credit, conduct community-based research, and contribute to public policy initiatives. As co-chair of UNC Charlotte's Community Engagement Advisory Council, Tamara coordinates resources, professional development opportunities, and spaces for faculty and staff interested in engaged scholarship and teaching to collaborate. As an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Global Studies, Tamara has taught courses including *Intro to International Studies*, *Global Cities*, and *Food Justice in South Africa* (where she was a Peace Corps volunteer and a Fulbright scholar conducting doctoral research). She received her doctorate in Geography from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2011, her B.A. in International Studies and Geography from UNC Chapel Hill in 2000, and is a graduate of West Charlotte High School.