

Tamela Dixon

Tamela is in her 32nd year of state service with the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC). She began her career with the Special Investigations Department (SID) in 1998 as a Special Agent/Field Investigator, where she was responsible for investigating allegations of fraud, waste and/or abuse of the State Insurance Fund. In 2008, she was promoted to SID's management team as an Assistant Special Agent in Charge. As an agent, Tamela was consistently one of the top performers in the department. In November 2022, she was promoted to Director of Employer Management Services and Programs in the BWC's Employer Services Division.

Tamela is a proud graduate of Columbus City Schools. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology from The Ohio State University and a Master's degree in Criminal Justice, with a concentration in Forensic Psychology, from Tiffin University. She is currently working towards a doctoral degree in Educational Administration, with a concentration in Critical Cultural Studies in Educational Foundations, at Ohio University.

Tamela is active in her community and church. She is passionate about issues involving empowerment, equality, and social justice. She is a proud member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated and is the founder and president of Strong Women in Action (SWA). SWA is an organization established in 2005 for the purpose of providing a variety of support and enrichment services to individuals within and throughout the Columbus community and beyond.

In addition to her commitments to work, church, community, and education, she is an adjunct instructor for Ohio University and Columbus State Community College, where she teaches courses in diversity studies, critical cultural studies, multiculturalism, law enforcement, criminal justice, and more.

Tamela's primary professional and scholarly interests are issues concerning race, class, and gender inequality in the media, education, and the criminal justice system and the correlation between gender, race, class, and crime.

