

# **Anita Brown-Graham**

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Interdisciplinary faculty member and attorney focusing on cross-sector public policy solutions, workforce development, and civic engagement.

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Anita R. Brown-Graham rejoined the School of Government in September 2016 to lead the public launch of nclMPACT—a special initiative that seeks to expand the School’s capacity to work with public officials on complex policy issues. Since her arrival, she and her colleagues have devised programs to support communities working on economic mobility, poverty, the expansion of prekindergarten, extending the labor pool, and opioid misuse and abuse. Brown-Graham’s first tour as a School faculty member was from 1994 to 2006, during which she specialized in governmental liability and community economic development aimed at revitalizing communities. In 2007, Brown-Graham became Director of the Institute for Emerging Issues (IEI) at NC State University. There, she led IEI’s efforts to build North Carolina’s capacity for economic development and prosperity, working with leaders from across the state in the areas of business, government, and higher education to focus on issues important to North Carolina’s future. Brown-Graham began her career as a law clerk in the Eastern District of California. She is a William C. Friday Fellow, American Marshall Fellow, and Eisenhower Fellow. In 2013, the White House named her a Champion of Change for her work at IEI, and the Triangle Business Journal named her a 2014 Woman in Business for her policy leadership in the state and a 2017 CEO of the year. Brown-Graham serves on the boards of several organizations.

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Workforce Development, Citizen Participation and Civic Involvement, Public Policy

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**NC Justice Center Lifetime Champion**

This year faculty member and director of nclMPACT Anita Brown-Graham was named a Lifetime Champion by the North Carolina Justice Center. The Justice Center presents its Defender of Justice Awards annually to honor individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions in combatting poverty.

**Triangle Business Journal CEO of the Year**

In 2014, the Triangle Business Journal named her a Woman in Business for her policy leadership in the state and named her 2017 CEO of the Year for her work as director of the Institute for Emerging Issues (IEI). In 2013, she was honored by the White House as a “Champion of Change for Civic Engagement and Open Government.” Brown-Graham also is a William C. Friday Fellow, American Marshall Fellow, and Eisenhower Fellow.

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