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Dr. Amy Howard is on leave from her role as the assistant vice president for community initiatives and the Bonner Center for Civic Engagement (CCE) for the 2019-20 academic year and serving as the interim senior administrative officer (SAO) and associated faculty in American Studies. Previously, she co-led the CCE team with Sylvia Gale, working to institutionalize high quality, educationally grounded civic engagement. Dr. Howard has taught courses on urban history and American studies, including a Sophomore Scholars in Residence course, “Urban Americas.” Dr. Howard’s recent book, *More Than Shelter: Activism and Community in San Francisco Public Housing*, explores the history of tenant activism, community building, and racial and ethnic alliances in San Francisco public housing. She is currently working on a book about leadership and politics in Richmond, Virginia, with Thad Williamson. She is also co-editing a book on urban history and public humanities contributions to community development with Robin Bachin under review with Temple University Press. Dr. Howard has served on the City of Richmond Planning Commission and, in 2013, she chaired the housing task force of Mayor Dwight Jones’ Maggie L. Walker Initiative for Expanding Opportunity and Fighting Poverty. She currently serves on the national board of Imagining America. She holds an A.B. with honors in history from Davidson College and a Ph.D. in American studies from the College of William & Mary.