The center is committed to helping strengthen the nonprofit sector in northern Illinois, the United States and globally; engage students, faculty and nonprofit leaders in important issues of civil society; and educate the next generation of students who want to make a difference in their careers through academic programming and engaged learning.
Research

Sample of Recent Research by Joint Faculty:

Community-based Research:
• DeKalb County Nonprofit Study – study conducted in fall 2020, report to be issued early in 2021.
• DeKalb County Regional Office of Education – community survey about The Basics conducted in fall 2019 and again in fall 2020 for comparison.

This initiative was launched in the fall 2020 semester to assist small businesses and nonprofits with the impact of COVID-19 on their operations. Six undergraduate students were paid to work as a nonprofit consulting team in the fall. We are advised by the DeKalb County Nonprofit Partnership and the DeKalb County COVID-19 Relief Fund. We assisted five organizations in the fall of 2020. The program will continue in spring 2021 with plans to expand the program for academic year 21-22.

COVID-19 Research

In March 2020, Forefront administered a survey to all nonprofits about needs related to the COVID-19 outbreak. Center Director Alicia Schatteman analyzed the data to break down responses for northern Illinois counties.

INTERNERSHIPS

21 HOSTING ORGANIZATIONS
12 SPRING 2020
14 FALL 2020
*Internships generously funded by:

Center News

2020 Facts and Figures:
• Center director: Alicia Schatteman named as director of the Center for Nonprofit and Nongovernmental Studies as of July 1, 2020.
• Program: The center held 11 public programs in 2020 and Schatteman presented another 11 workshops with a total engagement of 1,008 participants in 2020.
• Blog: 10 posts with 489 views.
• All Things Local podcast: 9 episodes with average of 60 plays per episode.
• Celebration: The center is 10 years old!
Thrive Collaborative Center in Aurora held a grand opening Jan. 24, 2020. Riley McCabe, NNGO student, worked in spring 2021 until the center was shut down, then conducted virtual coaching sessions.

Michelle Nunez Salas creates stickers in support of Black Lives Matter movement.

Sucely Garcia, NNGO ’20, began her AmeriCorps service with the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

Emma McMahon, spring 2020 intern of the semester, NIU Foundation.

Chicago Volunteer Expo: Feb. 23, 2020

NACC Honor Society inductees into Nu Lambda Mu in 2020. Must have a minimum cumulative 3.5 GPA to be eligible.


Fall 2020 Inductee: Sydney Webster.

Miriam Figueroa, NIU’s Newman Civic Fellow for 2020-2021. She strives to make positive change for under-resourced and marginalized communities.

Alternative Spring Break: Memphis, Tennessee, March 8-12, 2020

High-achieving Scholars

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- Abu Bah, Sociology
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- Greg Beyer, School of Music
- Colleen Boraca, College of Law
- Bethany Cockburn, Management
- Joseph Flynn, Curriculum and Instruction
- Aarie Glas, Political Science
- Anne Hanley, History
- Laura Heideman,* Sociology
- Mary Lynn Henningsen, Communications
- Trude Jacobsen, History
- Laura Ruth Johnson, Educational Technology, Research and Assessment

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- Julie Langer, Public Administration
- Ismael Montana, History
- Christine Mooney, Management
- Martin Ndicu, Accountancy
- Andrea Radasanu, Political Science
- Diane Rodgers, Sociology
- Mark Schuller,* Anthropology
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- Keri Asevedo, Rockford Habitat for Humanity
- Ben Bingle, DeKalb County Nonprofit Partnership
- Deanna Cada, DeKalb County Mental Health Board
- Victoria Diemer,* Aspire Inc.
- Joey Dienberg,* Village of Bartlett
- Kayla Furjanic,* Morton Arboretum
- Lizy Garcia-Ramirez,* NIU Illinois Migrant Education Program
- Michele Grote, Tails Humane Society
- Molly Hall, Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois
- Bea Rodriguez-Fransen, City of Aurora/Thrive Collaborative Center
- Jake Lawrence,* Tyler Technologies
- Alexis Marcotte,* Boy Scouts of America
- Elizabeth Mosher,* Opportunity House
- Jill Olson, CASA DeKalb County
- Kelsey Podgorski, (Former) McHenry County Community Foundation
- Brandon Pugh,* Egyptian Theatre
- David Roth, DuPage Federation on Human Services Reform
- Jill Sobie,* DuPage Habitat for Humanity
- Gretchen Sprinkle,* Kishwaukee United Way
- Anna Toole, Communities in Schools Aurora

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- Jason Michnick
- Julie Ann O’Connell
- Anna Mary L. Walker