The center is committed to the growth and development of civil society through research, community engagement and training the next generation of community leaders.
Huskie Closet

The Huskie Closet is a student-founded, student-led, free clothing initiative. It provides NIU students with an accessible, sustainable shopping spot.

• Over 732 items given away.
• Over 100 students served.
• Nearly 700 pounds of clothing kept out of landfills.

Experiential Philanthropy

NNGO 301x: Philanthropy and fundraising students awarded nonprofit Adventure Works with a $2,500 grant, thanks to a donor gift.

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Internship Program ’21-’22

28 INTERNSHIPS*

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*18 Internships generously funded by:

Center News

2021–2022 Facts and Figures:

• Blog: 13 posts.
• All Things Local podcast: 7 episodes.

Faculty Awards:

• Mark Schuller, Ph.D.; Joint Faculty Member: Center for Nonprofit and NGO Studies and Anthropology - Awarded Presidential Research Scholarship, and Artistry Professor.
• Abu Bakarr Bah, Ph.D.; Faculty Associate: Department of Sociology - Awarded Presidential Research Scholarship, and Artistry Professor.
• Trude Jacobsen Gidaszewski, Ph.D.; Faculty Associate: Department of History - Awarded Excellence in Online Teaching Award.
**High-achieving Scholars**

**2021 NNGO Scholarship Recipients**
Brooke Barnes
Madeline Grobe
Emma Hazen
Kayrn Holmes
Colton Loeb
Ally Mikos
Stephney Oleforo
Isabel Raymundo
Rachel Schreiber
Humza Wolf

2021-2022 Newman Civic Fellow for NIU: Chenaire Barmore.

2021 Lincoln Laureate Finalist: Emma McMahon (pictured with Professor Heideman).

2021-2022 NIU Foundation Fellows: Julianna Casner and Emma Hazen.

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**NNGO Winter 2021 Graduates**

**Majors:** Brittany Blomquist, Salome Ghebrengus and Tiffany Larocque.

**Minors:** Isabelle Kling, Sarah McAnally and Kamal Singh.

**Certificates:** Melissa Castaneda, Cassandra Kamp and Holly Sampson.

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**NNGO Spring 2022 Graduates* with Professor Schatteman, Director** (left to right): Erin Cronin, Flor Reyes, Sammie Musielak, Emma McMahon, Sandra Balleno, Jacob Burg. *Not pictured: Chenaire Barmore, Anetia Dickens and Yusup Orazov.

**Fall 2021, a residence hall living option, Community Engagement House, opened for students who are passionate about serving others and want to develop leadership skills.**

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- Stephanie Kummerer, Academic Advisor
- Caleb Cox, Office Manager
- Marcus Brooks, Graduate Assistant
- Tyson Odoo Juma, Graduate Assistant
- Saidouri Zomaya, Graduate Assistant

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- Cameron Barnes,* Taproot Foundation
- Ben Bingle, DeKalb County Nonprofit Partnership
- Deanna Cada, DeKalb County Mental Health Board
- Victoria Diemer-Maples,* Northern IL Food Bank
- Joey Dienberg,* Village of Bartlett
- Lizy Garcia-Ramirez,* NIU Illinois Migrant Education Program
- Michele Groepper, Tails Humane Society
- Molly Hall, Taproot Foundation
- Jake Lawrence,* Tyler Technologies
- Alexis Marcotte,* Naper Settlement
- Elizabeth Mosher,* Service Inc. of Illinois
- Jill Olson, CASA DeKalb County
- Maalik Phipps,* Cre8tivity Lab
- Lizbeth Román,* Fontbonne University
- David Roth, DuPage Federation on Human Services Reform
- Greta Sanders,* Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity

*Denotes NNGO alumni.

Joint Faculty:

- Laura Heideman, Sociology
- Alicia Schatteman, Public Administration
- Mark Schuller, Anthropology

Instructors:

- Betsy Hull
- Julie Ann O’Connell
- Anna Mary L. Walker

For full listing of staff and faculty associates, please visit:
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Annual “NNGO Mix and Mingle” networking event (left to right):
Julie Ann O’Connell, Saidouri Zomaya, Anna Mary L. Walker, Tyson Odoo Juma, Mission, Professor Laura Heideman, Caleb Cox, Professor Alicia Schatteman and Stephanie Kummerer.