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:
• Rethinking Legitimation: Positional and Mediated Legitimation Processes for Croatian NGOs by Prof. Laura Heideman, in Sociological Perspectives (2019).
• Handing over the Keys: Nonprofit economic development corporations and their implications for accountability and inclusion by Prof. Aaron Deslatte, Prof. Alicia Schatteman and Prof. Eric Stokan in Public Performance and Management Review (2019).
• Humanitarian Aid and Local Power Structures: Lessons from Haiti’s “Shadow Disaster” by Prof. Kaiting Jessica Hsu and Prof. Mark Schuller, in Disasters (2019).

Applied research projects:
• Community Awareness of The Basics DeKalb County, Regional Office of Education for DeKalb County.
• Outcome Evaluation Project, DeKalb County Nonprofit Partnership.

Colloquium Series:

Internship Program 2019

5,760 SERVICE HOURS
48 INTERNSHIPS
33 FUNDED* INTERNSHIPS

*Internships generously funded by:

NNGO High-impact Educational Practices

✓ Writing intensive courses: NNGO 429 and NNGO 495 (writing infused required courses).
✓ Collaborative assignments and projects: across all courses
✓ Diversity/global learning: NNGO 429 International NGOs and Globalization and ANTH 329 Anthropology and Contemporary World Problems required courses; study abroad opportunities.
✓ E-portfolio: NNGO 490.
✓ Experiential learning: NNGO 493 Nonprofits and Community Engagement, alternative spring break opportunities.
✓ Internships – 70.3% of all NNGO majors have completed an internship by graduation.
✓ Senior capstone: NNGO 495.

NNGO Graduates
148 total graduates since opening of the center in 2010.

Chicago Volunteer Expo
The center sponsored the February 2019 event that welcomed 102 nonprofit exhibitors and 2,200 attendees.

Community College Agreements
NNGO 100 offered at Waubonsee, Kishwaukee and Elgin Community Colleges.

“Redefining Your Rights”
Professor Schatteman spoke at The School of Public & Global Affairs recruitment event in October 2019 which hosted 282 high school students from nine high schools.
High Achieving Scholars

The center offered nine events in 2019, with just over 100 attendees. With support from the DeKalb County Nonprofit Partnership, topics included:

- Social Media.
- Working with the Undocumented Community.
- Invisible Disabilities.


Ian Pearson, NNGO/political science major, finalist for Marshall Scholar, named NIU's Lincoln Laureate. Ian will graduate in May 2020.

Emma Villella Warner, NIU’s Civic Fellows through Campus Compact for 2018-2019. After graduation in May 2019, she was promoted from intern to Grant and Marketing Coordinator at CASA DeKalb County.

NNGO Ambassadors: Assist with student recruitment, Youth Engaged in Philanthropy for DeKalb County Community Foundation, & social events.
- Fall 2019: Paige Blue, Juliana Casner, Erin Cronin, Sucely Garcia, Isabella Lamarre, Emma McMahon, Samantha Pilkington, Austin Schroeder, Devin Smith.

Joel Ledbetter at the NNGO Fall Open House.

Prof. Salvadore Alaimo Research Colloquium speaker.


Power Weekend (February 2019) offered three alumni presenters, led by Prof. Mark Schuller with 32 attendees.

Civic Engagement Summit with NNGO students and GA Danielle Hoske.
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- Alicia Schatteman, Acting Director
- Julie Ann O’Connell, Assistant Director
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- Ben Bingle, DeKalb County Nonprofit Partnership
- Deanna Cada, DeKalb County Mental Health Board
- Victoria Diemer,* Aspire Inc.
- Michelle Donahoe, DeKalb County History Center
- Kayla Furjanic,* Morton Arboretum
- Michele Groeper, Tails Humane Society
- Candace King, retired
- Dawn Littlefield/Gretchen Sprinkle,* Kishwaukee United Way
- Keri Nelson, Rockford Habitat for Humanity
- Jill Olson, CASA DeKalb County
- Susan Petersen, 4-C
- Kelsey Podgorski, McHenry County Community Foundation
- Brandon Pugh,* Egyptian Theatre
- Jill Sobie,* DuPage Habitat for Humanity
- Anna Toole, Communities in Schools Aurora

*Denotes NGO alumni.

Faculty Associates:

- Abu Bah, Sociology
- Tammy Batson, Economics
- Joseph Flynn, Curriculum and Instruction
- Anne Hanley, History
- Laura Heideman,* Sociology
- Trude Jacobsen, History
- Renique Kersh, Counseling and Higher Education
- Julie Langer, Public Administration
- Alicia Schatteman,* Public Administration
- Scot Schraufnagel, Political Science
- Mark Schuller,* Anthropology
- Kurt Thurmaier, Public Administration
- Laura Ruth Johnson, Educational Technology, Research and Assessment
- Simon Weffer, Sociology

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