



## 2018 OC USA Syllabus

In a very busy world, time is a resource. There are only so many minutes in a day, so many days in a lifetime. Because of how power is distributed, those who have access to systematic power (due to race, class, gender, ability, age etc.) often are accorded more time. This shows up in who speaks longer and more often, who is expected to only speak when allowed, who is invited to speak, who isn't. It shows up in obvious and subtle ways. We ask you to pay attention to this dynamic in your time with us.

At Opportunity Collaboration, no one's voice or story is more (or less) valuable, necessary or important than anyone else's. This is why we don't have keynotes or "panels of experts." We know that in order to solve wicked problems we will need everyone, and no single one of us (or group of us) has the key. In our week together, you will have many opportunities to bring your story and thinking to the table, and to hear from many others. We hope that you will leave enriched by the conversations you will have with a multiplicity of leaders from many different perspectives and approaches.

In support of your learning and contributing, here are some readings and videos to spark your thinking and begin your experience at Opportunity Collaboration. They are intended to inform the conversations you will have while attending – perhaps in your Colloquium, your Conversations for Change, your Salons or as you simply lie by the pool with fellow Delegates. They are offered in alphabetical order by last name of the author, in that they are all valuable, but none is more or less important than any of the others. We hope that they stimulate your thinking and open your heart.

[The Story We Tell about Poverty Isn't True](#) Mia Birdsong (video)

[Don't be Scared about the End of Capitalism](#) Jason Hickel and Martin Kirk

[Changing the Goal of the Global Game](#) Devin Iyer

[Reversing Global Poverty](#) Leila Janah (video)

[Letter From a Birmingham Jail](#) Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr

[It's Not Possible to Innovate People Out of Poverty](#) Tom Murphy

[The Tragic Stigma of Self Help](#) Mike Sturm