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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 eradicate poverty 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 all over the world.

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 Capacity Building Clinics or as you simply walk on the beach with fellow Delegates. They are offered in alphabetical order, 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.

### [Ending Poverty](#)

United Nations

### [How a guaranteed income could relieve the pressure cooker of poverty](#)

Aisha Nyandoro

### [The story we tell about poverty isn't true](#) *video*

Mia Birdsong

### [An unexpected tool for understanding inequality](#) *video*

Eugenia Cheng

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## [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#)

United Nations

## [What it takes to be racially literate](#) *video*

Priya Vulchi, Winona Guo

## [Women and Poverty](#)

Geeta Rao Gupta

## [6 ways well-intentioned people whitesplain racism \(and why they need to stop\)](#)

Maisha Z Johnson

## Quotes

“The more I’ve been able to learn about gay rights and equal pay and gender equity and racial inequality, the more that it all intersects. You can’t really pick it apart. It’s all intertwined.”

*~Megan Rapinoe*

“I am not free while any woman is unfree, even when her shackles are very different from my own.”

*~Audre Lorde*

“There’s really no such thing as the ‘voiceless’. There are only the deliberately silenced, or the preferably unheard.”

*~Arundhati Roy*

“The fight still isn’t people of color versus white. It’s the people versus the system built to keep us down. That’s the first line of the Constitution. And the system is manmade but is made of no man. Everyone, regardless of class, creed, culture or ethnicity can fight the system and help to break it down.

*~Lizzo*

“We’re all under the same sky and walk the same earth; we’re alive together during the same moment.”

*~Maxine Hong Kingston*