Additional Resources

There are many great resources about systems thinking that we encourage you to review to complement the materials in this course and deepen your learning. Here are just a few that we suggest.

General Articles on Systems & Complexity

- Articles on systemsthinker
- A systemic approach to ending homelessness by David Peter Stroh and Michael Goodman
- A systems approach to increasing the impact of Grantmaking by David Peter Stroh and Kathleen Zurcher
- Toward Principles for Enhancing the Resilience of Ecosystem Services by Kimberly Bowman et. Al
- Systems Archetypes at a Glance by Daniel Kim and Colleen Lannon
- The art and science of systems change by Joe Hsueh
- The art of systems thinking in driving sustainable transformation by Jo Confino
- How Can the Study of Complexity Transform Our Understanding of the World? By Melanie Mitchell
- Complexity 101: Behind the hype, what do we actually know? By Harry Jones
- What is complexity? By Jeff Mohr
- The 10 skills you need to survive in the Fourth Industrial Revolution by World Economic Forum (Complex problem solving is number 1)
- Systems Grantmaking Resource Guide Causal Loop Mapping
- Open Source your Analysis: Participatory Approaches to Systems Mapping by Adapt Research and Consulting
- Three Keys to Unlocking Systems-Level Change by Susan Misra and Jamaica Maxwel
- Toward Principles for Enhancing the Resilience of Ecosystem Services by Biggs et al
- Systems Thinking for Social Change: A Practical Guide to Solving Complex Problems, Avoiding Unintended Consequences, and Achieving Lasting Results by David Peter Stroh [Book]
- Thinking in Systems: A Primer by Donella Meadows and Diana Wright [Book]
- Aid on the Edge of Chaos by Ben Ramalingam [Book]
- Making Peace Last: A Toolbox for Sustainable Peacebuilding by Rob Ricigliano [Book]

Leverage

- Leverage Points: Places to Intervene in a System by Donella Meadows
- Acupuncture approaches to conflict transformation by Orit Gal

Strategy

- Strategy as a Wicked Problem by John Camillus
- collective impact Kumu post by Jeff Mohr, referencing Richard Rumelt's book "Good Strategy/Bad Strategy"
- General readings on collective impact posted on SSIR.

Learning

- Emergent Learning: A Framework for Whole- System Strategy, Learning, and Adaptation by Marilyn Darling et. Al
- Teaching Smart People how to Learn

Networks

- Networks: The New Organizational Strategy by Charlie Brown
- Networks of Effective Action: Implementing an Integrated Approach to Peacebuilding by Rob Ricigliano
- Transformer: How to build a network to change a system. A case study of the Re-Amp Energy Network by Heather McLeod Grant

Being & Leading in Complexity

- The Practice of Adaptive Leadership: Tools and Tactics for Changing Your Organization and the World by Ronald Heifetz, Marty Linsky, and Alexander Grashow [Book]
- Strategies for Learning from Failure by Amy Edmondson
- All Changes Great and Small: Exploring Approaches to Change and its Leadership by Higgs and Rowland
- The Dawn of System Leadership by Senge et. Al
- A Leaders Framework for Decision Making by David Snowden and Mary Boone
- A guide to managing in the face of complexity by Richard Hummelbrunner and Harry Jones