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Workshops Training and Other Events

A list of events I have worked. Events are things that have been prepared for, and worked. They do not count normal day-to-day activities.

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2019 Completed Events

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| Driving the Flow of Value | Coaching, Training | Houston | 2019-12-17 | Workshop looking at how we define value and how we deliver value quickly |
| Cross-organization Value Stream Analysis | Coaching | Houston | 2019-12-02 | Work to improve the flow of value that touches to organizations without an restructuring |
| SenseMaking Workshop | Coaching, Training | Houston | 2019-11-11 | Excellent workshop lead by Dan Walsh (FiveWhyz). A better way to understand if your culture is improving. |
| Five Dysfunctions Workshop with Leadership | Coaching | Houston | 2019-11-07 | Improving teamwork of leadership group |
| Project Simulation Training | Training, Participating | Houston | 2019-11-05 | Projects community training to understand changes in approach as a result of agile |
| Introduce OKRs to Portfolio Management process | Coaching | Houston | 2019-10-28 | Experiment to add OKRs into existing LPM process in time for 2020 to improve organizational alignment |
| Agile Assessment | Learning | Washington, DC | 2019-10-21 | Assessment to understand current state of thinking, and provide recommendations for change |
| Business Agility Workshop | Coaching | Houston | 2019-10-07 | Direct business request to help them become more Agile |
| SAFe Summit | Attend | San Diego | 2019-10-02 | Learning opportunity. SAFe v5 released |
| Update Business Metrics for FI | Coaching | Worldwide | 2019-09-05 | Base metrics that were agreed to previously need to be updated to reflect current thinking |

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| Blog "So You Want Set Up a Business as an Agile Coach?" | Blog Post | Worldwide | 2019-09-01 | 12 part series on the steps you should take to set up an Agile business. HansSamios: So You Want Set Up a Business as an Agile Coach? ; FiveWhyz: So You Want Set Up a Business as an Agile Coach? . |
| FI Team Churn Analysis | Coaching | Worldwide | 2019-08-28 | What happens to Team performance when Teams have turnover (churn) in their people? |
| Kick-off Coaches Craft CoP | Coaching | Worldwide | 2019-08-20 | Beyond Foundation Infrastructure group |
| Quarterly Alignment Session | Coaching, Participating | Houston | 2019-08-13 | Included retrospective, and introduction to OKRs |
| Projects Team Enablement | Coaching | Houston | 2019-07-24 | Response to survey. "Drain the glass" session |
| Blog "Why Do People Overcommit?" | Blog Post | Worldwide | 2019-07-08 | HansSamios: Why Do People Overcommit? ; FiveWhyz: Why Do People Overcommit? |
| PI Planning | Coaching | Buenos Ares | 2019-06-26 | Service group. SAFe event. |
| Portfolio Synchronization Session | Coaching | Houston | 2019-06-12 | Multi-day alignment session |
| "Drain the Glass" session for new Transformation | Coaching | Houston | 2019-06-10 | Setup session to work pent up resentments |
| "Leveraging Agile Thinking for Sustainability" | Coaching | Dallas | 2019-06-03 | Session for Sustainability Leadership Forum. |
| Cynefin Practice Foundations | Learning, Supporting | Houston | 2019-05-30 | Excellent workshop lead by Dan Walsh (FiveWhyz) |
| Blog "I have opportunity to learn so much when you are on vacation." | Blog Post | Worldwide | 2019-09-01 | FiveWhyz: I have opportunity to learn so much when you are on vacation. |
| Coaching Team Face to Face | Coaching | Houston | 2019-05-07 | Coaching team for FI working on the plan for sustainment model for the organization |
| FI Quarterly LPM Face to Face | Coaching | Houston | 2019-04-30 | Portfolio prioritization and learning (outcome vs output). Full suite of Product Managers, Release Train Engineers in the room. All (22 FI) coaches in the room to understand how these meetings work |
| FI Product Manager Orientation | Coaching | Houston | 2019-04-29 | Orient Product Managers to LPM and leverage opportunity to do some roles and responsibilities |

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| Architect Orientation Workshop | Coaching / Training | Houston | 2019-04-26 | 2 X sessions to help Architects get situated in their new role. Based on SAFe and discussion at How Does The Role of Architect Change in Agile? |
| FI Projects Team Enablement envisioning / planning | Coaching | Houston | 2019-04-26 | Develop base plan for this transformation |
| Initial PI Planning (Big Room) for Data Center Compute Product | Coaching | Houston | 2019-04-24 | Big room Planning event for large Train. SAFe event. |
| Initial PI Planning (Big Room) for Branch Product | Coaching | Houston | 2019-04-24 | Big room Planning event for large Train. SAFe event. |
| Sense-making Experiment | Learning | Houston | 2019-04-11 | Learning about different approach to gathering data from a complex system. Cool. |
| Staff Development Guardrails Session | Coaching | Worldwide | 2019-04-03 | Session for newly formed staff development group to discuss developments we are seeing, and offer opportunity to address issues seen by our managers. |
| Employee motivation Webinar | Learning | Online | 2019-03-14 | Online seminar. My notes are at "You Can Enhance Employee Motivation in 10 Minutes by Friday" - Gregg Lederman |

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2018 Completed Events

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| Staff Development Manager workshop | Coaching | Houston | 2018-12-10 | Kick-off meeting for 3 teams (Houston, BA, KL) of Staff Development Managers |
| Lean Portfolio Management Meeting | Coaching | Houston | 2018-11-06 | Initial LPM meeting working complete portfolio Kanban and impediments. SAFe event |
| Leading SAFe | Coaching, Training | Houston | 2018-10-02 | 14 people. SAFe event |

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| PI Planning | Coaching | Houston | 2018-08-22 | Fuels and Lubes Train. 8 Teams. 70 people at event. SAFe event. |
| Value Stream Analysis | Coaching | Houston | 2018-07-13 | For Branch and Shared Services leading to Train design. SAFe event |
| Staff Development Manager workshop | Coaching | Houston | 2018-07-07 | Workshop aimed at on-boarding new organizational role of "development manager". Initial "team" workshop. |
| Leadership Workshop | Coaching | Houston | 2018-07-06 | Workshop aimed at helping top level supervisors align on direction. Next step in setting up portfolio, realign leadership on decisions (new members of the leadership team), alignment with McCrystal Strategic Alignment Framework (SAF) and Decison Space (we drove through Delegation Poker) |
| Portfolio Prioritization | Coaching | Houston | 2018-06-19 | Initial meeting to get "to do", "in progress", "done" columns in place. Main aim was to determine "what should we stop" as we needed to reduce some level of organizational WIP. See How Do I Facilitate a Prioritization Meeting for more information |
| Value Stream Analysis | Coaching | Houston | 2018-06-11 | For Data Center Compute leading to Train design. SAFe event |
| Portfolio Kanban workshop | Coaching | Houston | 2018-05-23 | Initial analysis of Foundation Infrastructure work (backlog, WIP) on the way to Portfolio Kanban. |
| Team Kick-off | Coaching | Worldwide | 2018-05-21 | Team kickoff for Gateway Train. 11 teams. SAFe event |
| PI Planning | Coaching | Houston | 2018-04-17 | Star Train (Network Core). 6 Teams. 90 people at event. SAFe event. |
| Value Stream Analysis | Coaching | Houston | 2018-04-02 | For Gateway Products leading to Train design. SAFe event. |
| DevOps for Agile | Attend | Dallas | 2018-03-08 | DevOps for the Agile Enterprise devops_for_agile.pdf |
| Leadership Workshop | Coaching | Houston | 2018-03-05 | Workshop aimed at helping top level supervisors align on direction |
| Product analysis | Coaching | Houston | 2018-01-23 | Round 2 |
| Product analysis | Coaching | Houston | 2018-01-23 | Get architects into a room to determine product strategy for Infrastructure as a lead in to value stream mapping |
| PI Planning | Coaching | Houston | 2018-01-15 | Crazy (AtC). 5 Teams. 100 people at event. SAFe event. |

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| Leadership Workshop | Coaching | Houston | 2017-11-28 | Workshop aimed at helping top level supervisors understand what they need to know and do to drive the transformation |
| Value Stream Mapping | Coaching | Houston | 2017-10-25 | Value Stream mapping for Foundation Infrastructure group |
| Initial PI Planning | Coaching | Houston | 2017-10-23 | Crazy (AtC). 5 Teams. 100 people at event. SAFe event. |
| Leading SAFe | Training | Houston | 2017-10-19 | Leadership of the XOM FI AtC Train plus guests. 32 people. |
| SAFe for Teams | Training | Houston | 2017-10-16 | AtC (Crazy) Train. 42 people. |
| Kanban Team Kickoff | Training | Budapest | 2017-10-09 | New teams on the way to Agile Release Train |
| Initial PI Planning | Coaching | Houston, Buenos Aires, Kuala Lumpur | 2017-10-02 | Bullet (Storage). 3 Teams. Initial XOM Foundation Infrastructure (FI) Train. SAFe event. |
| SAFe for Teams | Training | Houston | 2017-09-25 | Half the Storage (Bullet) Train. 24 people. New SAFe 4.5 materials. |
| Kanban Team Kickoff | Training | Houston / Buenos Aires | 2017-09-12 | 2 new teams on the way to Agile Release Train |
| Leading SAFe | Training | Houston | 2017-08-21 | Leadership of the XOM FI Storage Train. 10 people. New SAFe 4.5 "Leading SAFe" materials. |
| Kanban Team Kickoff | Training | Houston | 2017-07-24 | 2 new teams on the way to Agile Release Train |
| SAFe 4.5 Update | Attend | Virtual | 2017-06-27 | Understand updates for SAFe 4.5 (see summary at 5 Reasons to Update and My Notes) |
| Enterprise Lean-Agile Coach Course with OrgMindset.com | Attend | Boulder | 2017-06-07 | 3 day course with Alex Yakyma. See My Notes . Passed test and certified as Enterprise Coach -  |
| Value Stream Mapping and Lean Coffee | Training | Houston | 2017-05-08 | Train the trainer session. Facilitated |
| Leaders Introduction to Agile | Training | Houston | 2017-05-01 | Three sessions aimed at helping leadership understand how the pilots work, and understand what learning they will need. |
| Kanban Team Kickoff | Training | Kuala Lumpur | 2017-04-17 | 3 Teams. Co-taught |

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| Kanban Team Kickoff | Training | Houston | 2017-04-10 | 2 Teams. Co-taught. |
| Ongoing until 2017-12-31 | Transformation Coach | Houston | 2017-03-15 | Co-coach with Transformation Team |
| Implementing SAFe | Training / Coaching | Scottsdale | 2017-01-31 | Co-taught |
| SAFe Advanced Scrum Master Enablement | Certification | Virtual | 2017-01-27 |  |
| Difficulties and Benefits of Working in Agile Environment | Training | Belmont University | 2017-01-23 | 16 Seniors |

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2016 Completed Events

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| Essential SAFe - Dean Leffingwell | Attend | Milwaukee | 2016-10-18 | My notes |
| SAFe v4 PI Planning | Coach | Madison | 2016-09-06 | Part of SAFe v4 ART; New Train (7 teams) |
| SAFe for Product Owners | Train / Coach | Madison | 2016-08-30 | Part of SAFe v4 ART; 7 new teams |
| SAFe for Scrum Masters | Train / Coach | Madison | 2016-08-30 | Part of SAFe v4 ART; 7 new teams |
| SAFe for Teams | Train / Coach | Madison | 2016-08-22 | Part of SAFe V4 ART |
| Training Roadmap Workshop | Workshop | Madison | 2016-08-02 | Steps to identify inflight work to bring onto the SAFe train. |
| How to Work Personality Issues Without Sounding Like a Marriage Guidance Counsellor? | Train / Coach | Atlanta | 2015-07-27 | Ran 75 min workshop involving about 120 people. All new materials. |
| 2016 Agile Conference | Attend | Atlanta | 2015-07-25 | My notes |
| Ongoing until 2016-11-18 - Coach Program / New Train of 7 teams | Coach | Madison | 2016-07-18 | Part of SAFe v4 ART |
| Leading SAFe | Train / Coach | Madison | 2016-07-19 | Part of SAFe V4 ART |
| Coaching Instructor | Certification | Virtual | 2016-04-05 | Certification through ICAgile |
| Agile Project Manager (APM) | Certification | Virtual | 2016-04-25 | Certification through ICAgile |

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| Ongoing until 2016-06-30 - Coach 4 teams | Coach | Madison | 2016-04-04 | Part of SAFe v4 ART |
| SAFe v4 PI Planning | Coach | Madison | 2016-04-18 | Part of SAFe v4 ART |
| VersionOne for Scrum Masters | Attend | Madison | 2016-04-14 | Part of consulting engagement - learning with customer selected tool |
| VersionOne for Product Owners | Attend | Madison | 2016-04-14 | Part of consulting engagement - learning with customer selected tool |
| VersionOne at Scale | Attend | Madison | 2016-04-13 | Part of consulting engagement - learning with customer selected tool |
| VersionOne Foundations | Attend | Madison | 2016-04-12 | Part of consulting engagement - learning with customer selected tool |
| SAFe for Product Owners | Coach | Madison | 2016-04-08 | Part of SAFe v4 ART |
| SAFe for Scrum Masters | Coach | Madison | 2016-04-07 | Part of SAFe v4 ART |
| SAFe for Teams | Coach | Madison | 2016-04-04 | Part of SAFe v4 ART |
| "Scrum at Scale" by Jeff Sutherland | Attend | Virtual | 2016-03-28 | Some good ideas on the role of leadership and management in a Scrum transformation. See My notes |
| Executive Scrum Team Kickoff | Coach | Gulfport | 2016-03-22 | Executive team kick-off. Start with understanding goal, obstacles, metrics and personnel. Then work through creation of team, backlog, and so on to drive implementation. |
| "Scrum Master or Arm-chair Psychologist" by Angela Johnson | Attend | Virtual | 2016-03-14 | Simple presentation about the Scrum Master focussing on the coaching, not just facilitating or being a secretary. See My notes |
| Project Improvement | Coach | Gulfport | 2016-03-08 | Improving specific election of project using Agile thinking |
| Second Generation Lean Product Development | Attend | Virtual | 2016-03-05 | If you want to understand impacts of things like queuing theory, lean, and why variability should be preserved for new product development then this is the video for you. See My notes |
| SAFe ART PI Planing | Coach | Boston | 2016-02-23 | PI Planning for 2 new ARTs involving 250 people including teams and executive management. Part of a SAFe (Version 4 - the first one?) implementation. |
| Agile Enablement | Training | Virtual | 2016-02-21 | Train 9 people, located in Vietnam, in basics. Remote presentation with exercises. Part of a SAFe implementation. |
| Team Coaching | Coach | Virtual | 2016-02-09 | Work through issues on improving planning such as estimation, capacity planning, dealing with interruptions, etc. Part of a SAFe implementation. |

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| Large-scale Agile at Ericsson | Attend | Virtual | 2016-02-04 | Experience report through the Scrum Alliance and the Learning Consortium. My notes |
| Agile Boot Camp | Train / Coach | Kirkland | 2016-01-25 | Train 55 people, but quickly turned into a bespoke course aimed at “what's next?” |
| Scrum Team Launch | Training | Atlanta | 2016-01-18 | Train 60 people, then kick off 6 teams over 4 days. Part of a SAFe implementation. |
| Agile Boot Camp | Train / Coach | Gulfport | 2016-01-11 | Train pilot team plus 2 days of executive coaching. |

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2015 Completed Events

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| SAFe Program Consultant v4.0 | Certification | Virtual | 2015-12-28 |  |
| Effective Testing (QA) | Certification | Virtual | 2015-12-21 | Certification through ICAgile |
| Business Analyst (BA) | Certification | Virtual | 2015-12-17 | Certification through ICAgile |
| Agile Requirements | Train | Virtual | 2015-12-14 | 14 PDUs, 14 CDUs |
| Agile for Construction | Train | Denver | 2015-12-10 | 75 people. Training / Adapting / Coaching |
| Agile Boot Camp | Training | Charlotte | 2015-12-07 | 20 people. Training. 21 PDUs |
| Product Owner Training | Train / Coach | Norman | 2015-12-03 | 18 people. Started as standard training but client turned into bespoke course aimed at “what's next”. 14 PDUs |
| Agile Boot Camp | Train | Bentonville | 2015-11-30 | 17 people. Training. 21 PDUs |
| Team / organization onsite | Coach | Boise | 2015-11-09 | Help get team kick started, work organizational issues |
| Team / organization onsite | Coach | Boise | 2015-11-02 | Help get team kick started, work organizational issues |
| General Certification | Certification | Virtual | 2015-10-27 | Certification through ICAgile |
| Team Kickoff | Train | Boise | 2015-10-26 | 11 people. Training / setup |
| Agile Boot Camp | Train / Coach | Bentonville | 2015-10-20 | 23 people. Training and coaching. 21 PDUs |
| Team Kickoff | Train | Des Moines | 2015-10-13 | 20 people. Training and coaching |
| Initial review / goals set | Assessment | Des Moines | 2015-10-06 | Meet with leadership team to determine goals |

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| Introduction to Scrum | Workshop | Sioux Falls | 2015-09-29 | 105 people in room. 7 PDUs, 8 CPEs |
| PO Training | Workshop | Hartford | 2015-09-24 | Small group focussed on "big data" application. 14 PDUs |
| Scrum / Agile Lunch and Learn | Workshop | Huntsville | 2015-09-21 | Focussed Agile event |
| SAFe Program Consultant | Attend | Cincinnati | 2015-09-14 | Training with Icon |
| Agile Introduction | Train | Virtual | 2015-09-10 | 7 PDUs, 8 CPEs |
| Agile Testing | Workshop | Virtual | 2015-08-27 | Focussed Agile event. A view of testing philosophy / approach |
| Making Scrum Work (Level 2) | Workshop | Huntsville | 2015-08-25 | Huntug users meeting - see materials |
| Agile Requirements | Train | Virtual | 2015-08-24 | 14 PDUs, 14 CDUs |
| Scrum at Scale Webinar | Attend | Virtual | 2015-08-19 | My notes |
| 2015 Agile Conference | Attend | Washington | 2015-08-03 | My notes |
| 1/2 Day Agile Scrum Refresher | Train | Huntsville | 2015-06-08 | Updated materials |
| 2015 Scrum Gathering De-brief | Present | Worldwide | 2015-06-06 | |
| Agile Alliance Virtual Conf. | Attend | Online | 2015-05-15 | |
| 2015 Scrum Gathering | Attend | Phoenix | 2015-05-04 | My notes |
| External Organization Kickoff | Train Coach | Belo Horizonte | 2015-04-27 | 4 teams, new Agile |
| Improved Forecasting and Risk | Train | Worldwide | 2015-04-22 | Monte Carlo / #noestimates |
| Confluence 5.7 Upgrade | Train | Worldwide | 2015-04-09 | |
| Marketing team(s) | Train | Atlanta | 2015-03-31 | Adapt Scrum / Agile |
| Internal Conference | Organize | Huntsville | 2015-03-18 | Peer "Scrum" conference |
| IT team(s) | Train | Huntsville | 2015-02-02 | Adapt Scrum / Agile |

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| Lunch and learn | Organize | Huntsville | 2014-12-22 | Clean code practices |
| Development Process Refresh | Train | Worldwide | 2014-11-18 | Prepare for ISO audit |
| Engineer IT Meetings | PO | Hyderabad | 2014-10-15 | Meet new team |
| Agile Testing | Workshop | Hyderabad | 2014-10-14 | |
| Scrum Master Workshop | Train Coach | Hyderabad | 2014-10-13 | |

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| Agile Testing | Workshop | Columbia | 2014-09-23 | |
| New team training (3 teams) | Train Coach | Columbia | 2014-09-22 | |
| Atlassian Summit | Attend | San Jose | 2014-09-09 | JIRA, Confluence, HipChat, Service Desk |
| Agile 2014 De-brief | Present | Worldwide | 2014-09-03 | Also presented at the Conference |
| Agile 2014 Conference | Present | Orlando | 2014-07-28 | See materials |
| Unit Testing for SM / PO | Coach | Worldwide | 2014-07-24 | Results of survey plus practice review |
| IMPACT Training | Train Coach | Huntsville | 2014-07-07 | Agile thinking for new hires |
| UX Kick-off | Train Coach | Worldwide | 2014-07-01 | Scrum for UX as well as team integration |
| Scrum Team Kickoff | Train Coach | Switzerland | 2014-06-23 | Two new teams - software embedded hardware |
| Aggressive Backlog Triage | Coach | Worldwide | 2014-06-03 | See materials |
| PO Training | Train Coach | Huntsville | 2014-05-13 | |
| Product Backlog Refinement | Train Coach | Worldwide | 2014-04-25 | Special session for POs |
| Advanced PO / SM Materials | Train Coach | Lodz | 2014-02-12 | Systems thinking, Uber-Scrum, facilitation, etc |
| Scrum Team Kickoff | Train | Lodz | 2014-02-10 | New team |
| Scrum Team Kickoff | Train | Norcross | 2014-01-08 | Adapted for technical writer team |

2013 Completed (and Selected) Events

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| Advanced PO / SM Materials | Train Coach | Huntsville | 2013-12-13 | Systems thinking, Auber-Scrum, facilitation, etc |
| Advanced PO / SM Materials | Train Coach | Norcorss | 2013-12-10 | Systems thinking, Auber-Scrum, facilitation, etc |
| Scrum Master course | Train Coach | Huntsville | 2013-10-10 | How to be a great Scrum Master |
| Advanced PO / SM Materials | Train Coach | Hyderabad | 2013-09-23 | Systems thinking, Auber-Scrum, facilitation, etc |
| Scrum Team Kickoff | Train Coach | Scottsdale | 2013-07-30 | 4 new teams |
| IMPACT Training | Train Coach | Huntsville | 2013-07-11 | Agile thinking for new hires |
| Scrum Team Kickoff | Train | Huntsville | 2013-04-16 | Adapted for product support team |
| Scrum Master course | Train Coach | Columbia | 2013-04-08 | How to be a great Scrum Master |

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