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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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Event	Type	Location	Date	Comments
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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Event	Type	Location	Date	Comments
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 Decision 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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Event	Type	Location	Date	Comments
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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Event	Type	Location	Date	Comments
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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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

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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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