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MARCH PMS IN THE AM AI IN THE WORKPLACE: NEW TECH, NEW STRESS

We've all heard the big promises about AI transforming work. The reality is more complicated. Most organizations are still figuring out how to make AI work for them, and recent research suggests that even when it does work, it can make our jobs more intense rather than easier.

In this one-hour session, we'll take an honest look at where things actually stand — the latest AI capabilities like agents and AI browsers, where organizations are in the adoption curve, and the emerging downsides that don't get enough attention, including the flood of low-quality AI output researchers call "workslop" and findings that AI is making many workers busier, not less.

This is a practical conversation aimed at helping project managers navigate what's coming. Grab your coffee and plan to join us online.



APRIL PMS IN THE AM THE ART AND SCIENCE OF STRATEGIC PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

Strategic portfolio management is essential for connecting business strategy to real-world execution, yet many organizations struggle to define or implement it effectively. In this conversation-style session, Aaron Hall, VP of Portfolio & Project Management at CARFAX (S&P Global), offers a candid look at how portfolio management truly works inside a complex, fast-growing enterprise.

Aaron discusses how CARFAX balances strategic planning, traditional project management, and agile delivery while undergoing a major transformation in how it makes investment decisions and delivers solutions. He also explores how portfolio, product, and project management functions work together; what separates strategic portfolio leaders from delivery-focused project managers; and how tooling at scale supports enterprise-wide execution.

Whether you're building a new portfolio function or strengthening an existing one, this session delivers practical, real-world insight you won't find in a textbook.



MAY PMS IN THE AM **SMALL BUSINESS TACTICS FOR** **PROJECT MANAGERS**

What does a hospitality mindset have to do with project management? More than you might think. Grab your coffee and join Kristen Lux and Greg Grimes of For the Love of Systems (FTLOS) for a practical session that translates their small business operations frameworks into tools and strategies that resonate with anyone who manages people, processes, and projects for a living.

Kristen and Greg bring over four decades of combined experience in small business operations, including early careers in high-end hospitality environments, where anticipating needs and flawlessly executing are the standard. That same service-first ethos informs their frameworks and approach to business operations.

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