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Recap of 7/21/26 conversation with Bill Brantley: Introducing TILT©: Trauma-Informed Leadership Training

Dear Senior Fellows and Friends,

Bill Brantley walked us through one of his new offerings two weeks ago. Here, again, are two seminal paragraphs from the invitation's session description and bio:

"The bottom line for senior leaders is straightforward: when your project managers can regulate pressure while building resilient, high-performing teams, they protect the mission. TILT© builds that capability: systematically, measurably, and immediately.

A Certified Professional in Talent Development (CPTD), Certified Professional in Training Management (CPTM), and Project Management Professional (PMP), Dr. Brantley has reached more than 250,000 learners through online programs on edX and Coursera. He lectures at the University of Louisville and holds a doctoral degree in public administration."

He is also a frequent guest columnist and contributor for Barrett and Greene, Inc., a public-sector consultancy and resource platform run by Katherine Barrett and Richard Greene.

Bill is a pracademic, someone who is both an academic and an active practitioner in their subject area. He does rigorous research and testing in the process of developing training that helps project managers. Since so much work is now project-based, everything he creates is applicable to someone inside every organization. In the case of TILT©, he's focused on helping those who lead others remain effective when they're under pressure. I think the ability to do that is becoming an increasingly critical skill for anyone who is leading others.

We were fortunate to have a highly accomplished coach participate in this session, which made for rich dialogue with two participants who shared troubling boss issues with us – the kind that many of us have experienced, that are excruciating when we're in the middle of them. Since Senior Fellows and Friends runs on trust, I won't say more. However, Bill's meticulous slides are waiting for you at this [\[link\]](#) and I really hope you go through them.

By the way, today Bill announced a new YouTube channel via LinkedIn, The AI-Augmented Government Project Manager. Read this sentence from the trailer's page: *"If you're a federal, state, or local government PM who's been told to 'get AI-ready' with no real plan for what that means, you already know the feeling this video opens on: buried under the paperwork, staring down a spreadsheet, wondering which parts of your job survive this shift and which parts don't."*

Participant affiliations

American Society for Public Administration
ASPA National Capital Chapter
Brantley Advanced Social Science Applications (BAS2A)
BM Martin Solutions
County of San Diego, CA
Old Dominion University
U.S. Department of Education, retired
U.S. Department of Labor/Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA)

People joined from San Diego, CA, Colorado Springs, CO, Louisville, KY, Beckley, WV, Spotsylvania, VA, and the DC/MD/VA Metro Area.

Each time, we begin with a round of introductions to warm up the space. Afterward, participants are sent a "who was in the room" message to facilitate ongoing connection. Please consider joining us in the future.

Sincerely,
Kitty Wooley



HOW WILL YOU CONTRIBUTE?

Cooperating freely, learning on the fly, empowering ourselves, and navigating unknown waters beyond the edge of the comfort zone are the name of the game. We began our public leadership journey in calm harbors, and now we're surrounded by the white water of constant change. Business as usual isn't working well enough. We choose to gather our strengths and lead from wherever we are, applying our best efforts to the challenges of our time. Are you coming?