Using Agile for project management
How did we plan?

- Vamp ‘til ready
- “Just leave it here and we’ll get to it”
- “We’ll hire more students”
- This works so why change?
- Tried some tools (Jira, Trello)
- Department-wide, wasn’t working
“Scrum is an iterative and incremental agile software development framework for managing product development”

“This ain’t gonna work”—E. Ann Caldwell
How we’re being Agile

- User story
- Tasks/in process/hold/completed
- Timelines
- Assessment
## Project planning

### Project:

Begin converting spreadsheet to Darwin Core

### Sprint Objective:

With Tim Whitfield's requirements, begin to convert his spreadsheet to Darwin Core

### Requirements:

- Decide which Darwin Core elements are appropriate
- Map elements in spreadsheet to Darwin Core
- Check with Joseph and Ben along the way
- Try conversion on 10 records
- If successful, proceed

### Out of scope:


### Communication:

Ann with Joseph/Ben and Tim Whitfield

### Team:

Ann Caldwell, Joseph Rhoads, Ben Cail
Sprintboard
Sprint assessment

Outcome:

BT shot, processed, and emailed download links for 56 additional census maps (for Minneapolis, Cincinnati, Newark, Kansas City, Indianapolis), incl. 7 fold-out maps

New requirements:

New roadblocks:

This sprint, for DPS work BT shot and processed several high-priority items for 250th Anniversary committee:
manu000000006832 (88 files incl. derivatives)
manu000000006833 (160 files incl. derivatives)
manu000000006836 (96 files incl. derivatives)
manu000000006837 (168-pg. bound planning document)
BT also generated 300-ppi embedded-JPEG PDF versions of the manu docs from manu00000096 container

LE shot and processed
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Also this sprint, BT shot & processed misc. additional photos for 250th exhibit panels; photos of Grand Reading Room; additional imaging requests for Prof. Nancy Jacobs

Also, this sprint, LE did high priority work for V. Buonanno, Dean McLaughlin, multiple projects with Powerpoint for HH, and misc. projects with the Rock bench and headshot of C. Geissler. LE also worked with Scott at DT to determine the problem with the Leaf back (getting the glitch again), performed troubleshooting and sent multiple sets of files for review. LE also out 9/3 and 9/17 for jury duty.

Communication:
Does it work for us?

- Great for planning within department
- Can deal with squeaky wheels more effectively
- Staff satisfaction as stickies move from left to right
- Something always blows up
- Something you thought would take 3 weeks takes 3 hours
- “Pizza parlor” approach still exists