

It's in the Cards

Integrating **ArchivesSpace** and **Trello**
for Better Processing Project Management



Github: <https://github.com/noahgh221/archivesspace-trello>

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Looking for help getting started? Check out our [Getting Started Guide](#).

What is Trello?

Trello is a collaboration tool that organizes your projects into boards. In one glance, Trello tells you what's being worked on, who's working on what, and where something is in a process.

Imagine a white board, filled with lists of sticky notes, with each note as a task for you and your team. Now imagine that each of those

Hay Noah Huffnagel We need you to confirm your email address. [Confirm email](#) [Remind me later](#)

Archival Processing [Archival Processing](#) [Team](#) [Members](#)

Anticipated (alphabetical)

- Africa.com Records
- Bay Movement Veterans (SNCC)
- John Bowen (SNCC, works at CDS)
- Angus Dixon
- Disability Rights NC
- Ariad Dorfman addn (in Chik)
- Jim Dow photographs (slides not returned)
- Ivan Hunk
- Hodges Family Photo collection (pts 2020)
- MFA thesis submissions
- James "Spider" Martin civil rights photographs
- Gary Masrone collection addn
- Douglass North addn
- Steven Petrow
- Martin Shubik
- West End Revitalization Records
- Oliver Williamson

New Acquisitions

- 2020 0086: H. Lee Waters Film collection addition
- 2020 0087: Albert Daoucy collection
- 2020 0096: Black Caucus March photographs
- 2020 0098: Share Your Covid-19 Story collection
- 2020 0087: Blue Ridge House records
- 2020 0096: Duke Crus records
- 2020 0095: Hood 'n' Wom records
- 2020 0094: International and Area Studies records
- 2020 0093: Community Service Center records
- 2020 0029: Perkins Library Preservation Officer records
- 2020 0049: Allan Gurganus papers addition
- 2020 0017: Intramural Sports scrapbook
- 2020 0025: Meirvaz Craighead papers
- 2020 0021: Leah Pittz papers, 1940-2009 and undated
- 2020 0017: Consumer Reports Archive addition 2
- 2020 0011: Jesse Rice Scott Papers

Straight to LIS (alphabetical)

- The Leahy T. Walker Africa News Service Archive addition (given by William Matar)
- Anthony Barnes Atkinson papers
- Whitmanika cleanup
- John Bancourt collection
- Carolina Justice Policy Center
- Free Chappell papers addition
- 2020 0002: Department of English records addition
- 2020 0008: Ariad Dorfman papers addition
- 2020 0008: Front Page records
- 2019 0185: Stanley Hausman papers addition
- 2019 0164: Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti (IJH) records
- Irvin family papers addition
- UA-2019 0104 Library Newsletters, Acquisitions, and Accessions List
- 2020 0042: Norma Taylor Mitchell papers
- Edwin and Terry Murray Collection of Board Games
- Edwin and Terry Murray Collection of Role-Playing Games addition
- 2020 0099: Out of the Blue records
- Murray Pulp addition
- 2020 0014: Nashed Muslim records

Waiting for CD

- 2020 0084: Alliance for Audited Media microfilm collection
- Leah Wise (SNCC)
- Watershinka cleanup
- 2020 0009: Bay Area Movement Veterans collection
- 2020 0008: American Slavery documents collection addition
- 2020 0046: Bob Sheldon papers addition
- 2020 0048: Stephanie Strickland papers addition
- Bob Kosloski Sedgewick papers

Newly arrived, in Smith Vault (not being processed yet)

- Center for Justice and Accountability
- Courtland Cox ticket
- CR records
- JWT account files addition
- JWT Burn Manning papers
- George Lanning
- Montgomery Parker letters and cabinet card
- WCTU
- Women's Studies Program e-ress

Upcoming Prioritized Projects (Backlog of Other)

- Center for Justice and Accountability
- Courtland Cox ticket
- CR records
- JWT account files addition
- JWT Burn Manning papers
- George Lanning
- Montgomery Parker letters and cabinet card
- WCTU
- Women's Studies Program e-ress

New in Queue (alphabetical)

- 2020 0106 9019 Penzance
- 2020 0105 Asian Building Takeover Nightmares
- 2020 0102 Lamar Center records
- 2020 0011: Duke Association for Business Oriented Women records
- 2020 0024: Students of the Caribbean Association records
- 2020 0012: Duke Students with interracial Legacies
- 2020 0025: Asian American Studies Working Group records
- 2020 0026: Duke University COVID-19 Story Collection
- 2020 0021: Native American Student Alliance records
- 2020 0020: Brydon House records
- 2020 0018: Duke Single Charity records
- 2020 0019: Ida Stephens Chavis memorial slideshow
- 2019 0192: Bill of Fare for the Steam Ship Wisconsin
- 2020 0041: Salka Bingham Papers
- 2020 0044: Maude Balfington Booth papers
- 2019 0185: Brazilian Cordell Literature records

Inventories to Upload

- Physical Processing (alphabetical)
- 2020 0085: Asian maps collection addition
- Renee Chalan papers
- Robert Edward Dawson Papers
- 2020 0001: Kenneth Hubbard collection of presidential campaign ephemera addition
- 2020 0028: Kenneth Hubbard collection of presidential campaign ephemera
- 2020 0002: Mason Papers (RLTS ticket for rehousing)
- Murray Papers (new)
- 2019 0175 Edwin and Terry Murray papers addition
- Marc Nerlove
- DANA Nancy Fletcher papers
- 2020 0084: Maude Balfington Booth papers
- 2019 0185: Brazilian Cordell Literature records

Description (alphabetical)

- Americans for Immigrant Justice records
- Renee Chalan papers
- UA Chemistry Department records box list
- CR iconographic collection
- Robert Edward Dawson Papers
- 2020 0001: Kenneth Hubbard collection of presidential campaign ephemera addition
- Griff Davis negatives/processing
- UA2019 0109: Duke Chapel recordings
- 2020 0028: Kenneth Hubbard collection of presidential campaign ephemera
- 2020 0002: Mason Papers (RLTS ticket for rehousing)
- Murray Papers (new)
- 2019 0175 Edwin and Terry Murray papers addition
- Marc Nerlove
- DANA Nancy Fletcher papers
- 2020 0084: Maude Balfington Booth papers
- 2019 0185: Brazilian Cordell Literature records

Electronic Records

- Medical Family
- James, Sara e-ress
- 4 Roy Weintraub papers addition
- Loke Brown e-ress
- Rick Long photographs (e-ress)
- 2020 0022: All at the Above records
- UA Chronicle photograph collection
- 2020 0027: Office of the University Secretary records
- 2017 0078 John Sealy e-ress
- 2014 0116 Beth B Synagogue e-ress
- Hurlbut Scott papers (e-ress)
- Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies records (e-ress)
- Jimmy Creech papers (e-ress)
- Judy Woodruff papers

AV Work

- 2020 0098: Stephen Miller Doc Project collection
- 2020 0054: H. Lee Waters Film collection addition
- Loke Brown e-ress
- Rick Long photographs (e-ress)
- 2020 0022: All at the Above records
- UA Chronicle photograph collection
- 2020 0027: Office of the University Secretary records
- 2017 0078 John Sealy e-ress
- 2014 0116 Beth B Synagogue e-ress
- Hurlbut Scott papers (e-ress)
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1 Use Case

Rubenstein Library Archival Processing

- **11 Technical Services staff**, including 4 Technical Services Archivists, 1 Visual Materials Archivist, 1 Manuscript Cataloger, 1 Digital Records Archivist, 1 Audiovisual Archivist, 1 Metadata Archivist, 1 Archival Processing Assistant, 1 Section Head
- **17+ Collectors**, including 7 curators, 1 University Archivist, 1 Records Manager, 2+ Research Services staff with collecting roles, 6+ International and Area Studies Librarians outside of Rubenstein
- In FY20, accessioned **4000+ lf** of material (outlier year); in FY19, accessioned 1300+ lf
- In 2019, recorded **316 accessions**; in 2018, 277 accessions

Lots of stuff coming from many directions handled by a bunch of people.

Archival Processing Trello Board

The screenshot shows a Trello board for 'Archival Processing'. The board is organized into four columns:

- Anticipated (alphabetical)**:
 - JHF**: AllAfrica.com Records (1 comment)
 - JHF**: Bay Movement Veterans (SNCC)
 - JHF**: John Biewen (SNCC, works at CDS) (1 comment)
 - Econ**: Angus Deaton
- New Accessions**:
 - HOM**: 2020-0057: Albert Dauncey collection
 - JHF**: 2020-0056: Black Caucus March photographs
 - UA**: UA2020-0038: Share Your Covid-19 Story collection
- Straight to LSC (alphabetical)**:
 - General**: UA.2019-0104 Library Newsletters, Acquisitions, and Accessions List
 - Bingham**: 2020-0032: Norma Taylor Mitchell papers
 - General**: Edwin and Terry Murray Collection of Board Games
 - General**: Edwin and Terry Murray Collection
- Waiting for CD**:
 - General**: 2020-0055: H. Lee Waters Film collection addition (1 notification)
 - Hartman**: 2020-0054: Alliance for Audited Media microfilm collection (1 notification, R)
 - JHF**: Leah Wise (SNCC) (3 comments)

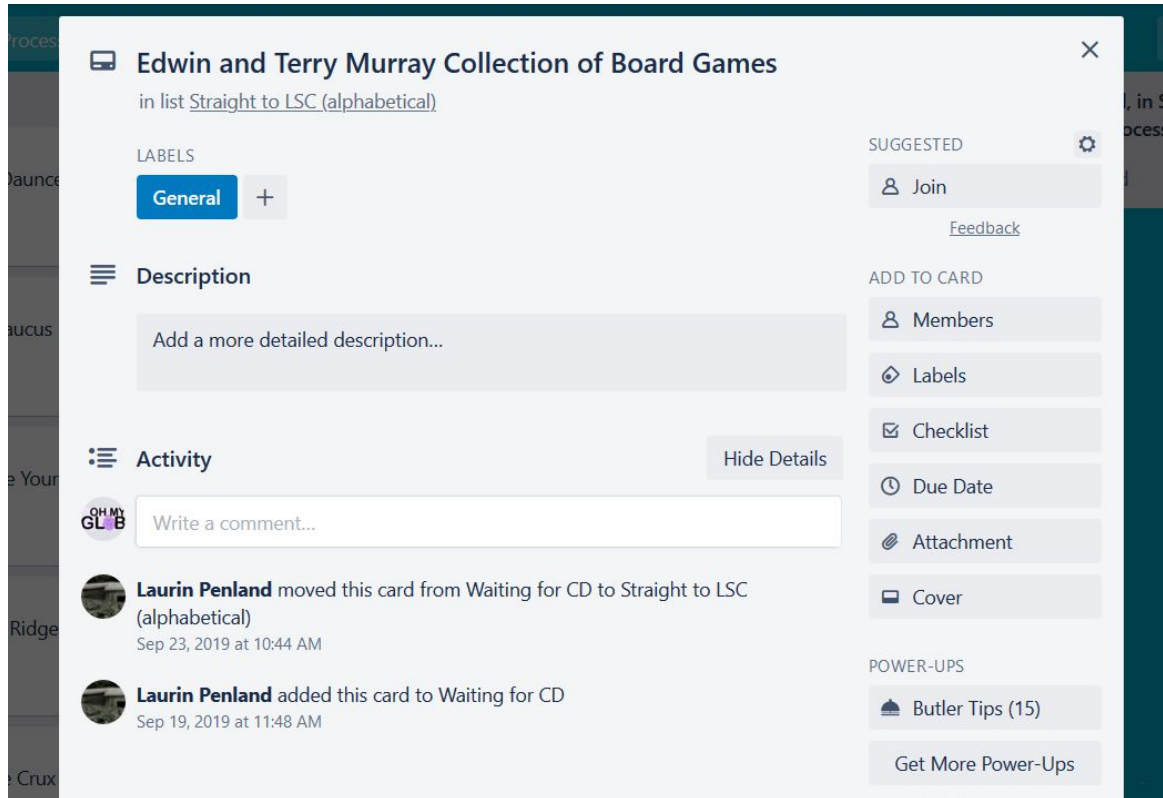
Original function of Trello board:

- Track processing work on larger/more complex projects
 - Who is working on the project
 - At what stage is the project
- All accessions came through one person, who created both the accession record in AS and the Trello card
- Small, quick, easy accessions might not get a Trello card (no need)
- Processors emailed Noah (or Tracy) to publish finding aids
- Not all processing work represented (separate sections)

Trello columns previously:

- Anticipated
- Straight to LSC
- Waiting for CD
- Newly arrived in Smith vault
- Upcoming Prioritized Projects (backlog or other)
- New in Queue (alphabetical)
- Physical Processing (alphabetical)
- Description (alphabetical)
- Erecs and AV work
- Conservation Queue
- Done in Quarter (current quarter)

Trello card previously:



Accession/collection title

Label indicating collection area

Ability to assign a member (processor)

Activity shows movement between columns

Usually little to no description

New needs for Trello board:

- Combined section with more staff
- Track processing work on all accessions/collections
 - Who is working on the project
 - At what stage is the project
- Accession records created by multiple people, accessions coming in through several streams
- Add review step, automate notification of readiness for review and publication
- Reduce duplication of effort, streamline process to reduce risk of missing something, make relevant information more visible

Trello columns now:

- Anticipated
- **New Accessions**
- Straight to LSC
- Waiting for CD
- Newly arrived in Smith vault
- Upcoming Prioritized Projects (backlog or other)
- New in Queue (alphabetical)
- Inventories to Upload
- Physical Processing (alphabetical)
- Description (alphabetical)
- Erecs
- AV work
- Conservation Queue
- **Ready for Review**
- **Ready for Publishing**
- Done in Quarter (current quarter)

Trello card now:

The screenshot shows a Trello card with the following details:

- Title:** UA2020-0016: Duke Congregation newsletters
- Location:** in list [New in Queue \(alphabetical\)](#)
- Labels:** UA
- Description:**
 - Acq Type:** transfer
 - Accn Date:** 2020-03-09
 - Extent:** .1 linear_feet (1 file folder)
 - Provenance:** Transferred by Phyllis Smith, Congregation Office
 - Note for Processor:** We currently have newsletters from January-March 2017. All records 2018 on were received as born-digital materials.
 - Inventory:** Inventory created by Hillary and located in UArchives/Inventories /Accessions.
 - Special Media Formats:**
 - Related Resource(s):** Congregation at Duke Chapel records | /repositories /2/resources/5682
 - Description:** Newsletters from the Duke Congregation Office, April 2017-December 2017.
- Activity:**
 - Laurin Penland** moved this card from New Accessions to New in Queue (alphabetical) Mar 11 at 4:05 PM
 - Noah Huffman** added this card to New Accessions

On the right side of the card, there are several panels:

- SUGGESTED:** Join, Feedback
- ADD TO CARD:** Members, Labels, Checklist, Due Date, Attachment, Cover
- POWER-UPS:** Butler Tips (15), Get More Power-Ups, Upgrade Team
- ACTIONS:** Move, Copy

Same features as older version, plus:

Automatic inclusion of accession number

Copies information from selected fields in ArchivesSpace, including indication of existing inventory, related resource, notes for processor

2 Integration in Action

Save Add Event ▾ Spawn ▾ Transfer ▾ More

Hoof 'n' Horn records Accession

Basic Information

Title: Hoof 'n' Horn records

Identifier * UA2020 0035

Accession Date: 2020-07-13
e.g. YYYY-MM-DD

Content Description: Meeting minutes; performance planning documentation, including show contracts; photos; videos; playbills; related to the sensory-fri

Electronic Media Present?

Special Media Formats: PDF, jpg, mbox, mov, mp4

New or Addition? Addition

Arrival Date: 2020-07-08
e.g. YYYY-MM-DD

Research Center: University Archives

Primary Collector Name: Amy McDonald

Collection Management

Desired Processing Level: 3-folder level processing

Rights determined?

Notes for Processor: Note the materials related to the sensory-friendly production of The Wiz--this may be important to call out for researchers interested in

Related Resources

Resource * Hoof 'n' Horn records

UA2020-0035: Hoof 'n' Horn records
in list [New Accessions](#)

LABELS: UA +

Description Edit

Acq Type: gift
Accn Date: 2020-07-13
Extent: 0.5 megabytes

Provenance: Adam Beskind, Class of 2020, HnH president 2019-2020

Note for Processor: Note the materials related to the sensory-friendly production of The Wiz--this may be important to call out for researchers interested in disability/neurodiverse history.

Inventory:

Special Media Formats: PDF, jpg, mbox, mov, mp4

Related Resource(s): Hoof 'n' Horn records | /repositories/2/resources/1788

Description:
Meeting minutes; performance planning documentation, including show contracts; photos; videos; playbills; and emails to Phred listserv, 2017-2020. Note the materials related to the sensory-friendly production of The Wiz--this may be important to call out for researchers interested in disability/neurodiverse history.

SUGGESTED: Join Feedback

ADD TO CARD: Members Labels Checklist Due Date Attachment Cover

POWER-UPS: Butler Tips (4) Get More Power-Ups

Get unlimited Power-Ups, plus much more.

Cron <nh48@vcm-6600> python3 /home/nh48/aspace_trello_integration.py - Message (Plain Text)

Sat 7/25/2020 1:00 AM

Cron Daemon <root@vcm-6600.vm.duke.edu>
Cron <nh48@vcm-6600> python3 /home/nh48/aspace_trello_integration.py

To: Noah Huffman

We removed extra line breaks from this message.

Target Board: Archival Processing
Target List: New Accessions
Getting all Accessions created since: 2020-07-24T05:00:02.359472 David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library Examining last 20 accessions created in ASpace...

2020-0050 not entered in last 24 hours
2020-0051 not entered in last 24 hours
UA2020-0027 not entered in last 24 hours
UA2020-0028 not entered in last 24 hours
UA2020-0029 not entered in last 24 hours
2020-0052 not entered in last 24 hours
UA2020-0030 not entered in last 24 hours
UA2020-0031 not entered in last 24 hours
UA2020-0032 not entered in last 24 hours
UA2020-0033 not entered in last 24 hours
UA2020-0034 not entered in last 24 hours
2020-0053 not entered in last 24 hours
UA2020-0035 not entered in last 24 hours
2020-0054 not entered in last 24 hours
UA2020-0036 not entered in last 24 hours
UA2020-0037 not entered in last 24 hours
2020-0055 not entered in last 24 hours

Creating New Trello Card for: UA2020-0038: Share Your Covid-19 Story collection | entered on: 2020-07-24T17:34:31Z | university_archives Creating New Trello Card for: 2020-0056: Black Caucus March photographs | entered on: 2020-07-24T20:00:10Z | franklin Creating New Trello Card for: 2020-0057: Albert Dauncey collection | entered on: 2020-07-24T20:27:44Z | hom All Done!



Archival Processing ☆ Archival Processing Free Team Visible

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- JHF**
AllAfrica.com Records
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John Biewen (SNCC, works at CDS)
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- Econ**
Angus Deaton
- Human Rights**
Disability Rights NC
3
- General**
Ariel Dorfman addn (in Chile)
- ADA**
Jim Dow photographs (slides installment)
1

New Accessions ...

- HOM**
2020-0057: Albert Dauncey collection
- JHF**
2020-0056: Black Caucus March photographs
- UA**
UA2020-0038: Share Your Covid-19 Story collection
- UA**
UA2020-0037: Blue Ridge House records
- UA**
UA2020-0036: Duke Crux records
- UA**
UA2020-0035: Hoof 'n' Horn records

2020-0057: Albert Dauncey collection

in list [New Accessions](#)

LABELS

HOM +

Description Edit

Acq Type: purchase
Accn Date: 2020-07-24
Extent: 1 linear_feet

Provenance: [REDACTED]

Note for Processor:

Inventory:

Special Media Formats:

Related Resource(s): NONE listed in ASpace

Description:

Dealer description:
 An Archive of Documents and Letters Relating to Albert Dauncey; A "Criminal Lunatic". Bath, 1900-1905.
 An archive dated 1900-1905 dealing with the case of Albert Dauncey, confined for criminal insanity at the Somerset and Bath Lunatic Asylum in Wells. Dauncey was convicted of an assault in 1899 whilst under the paranoid delusion that his local vicar was leading a conspiracy against him. The collection includes letters, affidavits, and contributions from clergy, police, solicitors, members of the family etc. The various documents are listed chronologically where possible, except for the first letter, dated 1901 but dealing with the most pertinent earlier events in Dauncey's sad case: A report by Dr. Arthur Law Wade with annotations ("Will Dr. Wade kindly supply facts") and several corrections and details to the report in another hand, significant additions are initialed.
 The archive or case history containing 50 items in all, including correspondence with the poor Albert Dauncey's brother, William, regarding Albert's quite sizeable properties and estate, payments and banking records providing for Albert's continued care, correspondence from Mr. Shadwell of the lunacy commission detailing the correct procedure for Albert's 'sectioning' under the Lunacy Act, copies of Affidavits, a

SUGGESTED

Join
Feedback

ADD TO CARD

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POWER-UPS

Butler Tips (4)
Get More Power-Ups
Get unlimited Power-Ups, plus much more.
Upgrade Team

ACTIONS

Move
Copy
Make Template
Watch
Archive

3 Building the Integration

Guiding Principles

- ASpace is system of record
- Trello data is ephemeral (That's OK)
- ASpace is good at data; not so good at workflow tracking
- Let each system do what it does best
- Both systems have APIs -- use them!

Components

- **Python Script**
 - Python 3 ([Anaconda Distribution](#))
 - [ArchivesSnake](#) Python library
 - [Py-trello](#) Python library
- **Linux [Cron Job](#)** (for scheduling, running script)
- **Linux Virtual Machine** ([Duke offers free VMs to all students/staff](#))
- **Trello Account / [API Keys](#)**

4 How to set up / configure

Github: <https://github.com/noahgh221/archivesspace-trello>

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screenshots Add files via

README.md Update REA

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archivesspace-trello

aspace-to-trello.py creates Trello cards base designed to be run as a scheduled cron job. ArchivesSpace API to identify recently create those accession records on a specified Trello

Script is written in Python 3 and uses [Archiv](#)

Getting Started

Download the python script (aspace-to-trello.py):

Ideally, you'll want to save the script to a location where you have access. For example, I run the script from a Linux virtual machine where I have access to the internet.

Install ArchivesSnake (assuming you already have Python installed)

Install py-trello

Create a Trello account (if you don't have one), and get a token:

See: <https://trello.com/app-key>

Create a Trello board and a Trello list to hold the cards:

Or, if you already have a Trello account, board, and list, skip to the next step.

Supply your Trello API credentials:

Modify aspace-to-trello.py to supply your Trello API credentials, and board and list IDs. Alternatively, you can supply the board ID and list IDs (see comments) and list IDs, you can add .json to the end of any Trello URL and point to a file containing the IDs.

Replace brackets with your Trello API credentials:

```
#Authenticate with Trello (change credentials to your own)
trello_client = TrelloClient(
    api_key='[Trello API Key]',
    api_secret='[Trello API Secret]',
    token='[Trello API Token]',
)

#Option 1: Get Trello Board by ID
target_board = trello_client.get_board('[Trello Board ID]')

#Option 2: Get Trello Board by Name
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Replace brackets with your Trello Board name (string must match board name)

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1 from asnake.client import ASnakeClient
2 from datetime import datetime, timedelta
3 from trello import TrelloClient
4
5 #Script uses ArchivesSpace API and Trello API to lookup recent accession records in ASpace and create new Trello cards for them.
6 #Set up a cron job to execute the script at some interval (currently written to execute every day)
7
8 #uses py-trello: https://pypi.org/project/py-trello/
9 #See: https://github.com/sarumont/py-trello/blob/master/trello/trellolist.py
10 #See: https://buildmedia.readthedocs.org/media/pdf/py-trello-dev/latest/py-trello-dev.pdf
11 #Trello board, list, name ids can be obtained by adding .json to trello URLs
12
13 #Trello API Docs: https://developers.trello.com/reference#introduction
14
15 #Authenticate with Trello (change credentials to your own)
16 trello_client = TrelloClient(
17     api_key='[Trello API Key]',
18     api_secret='[Trello API Secret]',
19     token='[Trello API Token]',
20     #token_secret='your-oauth-token-secret'
21 )
22
23 #Option 1: Get Trello Board by ID
24 #target_board = trello_client.get_board('[Trello Board ID]')
25
26 #Option 2: Get Trello Board by Name
27 trello_boards = trello_client.list_boards()
28 for board in trello_boards:
29     if board.name == '[Trello Board Name]': #board name lookup
30         target_board = board
31         print ("Target Board: " + target_board.name)
32

```

<https://github.com/noahgh221/archivesspace-trello>

Thanks!

Questions?

Slides: <https://tinyurl.com/archivesspace-trello>

Github: <https://github.com/noahgh221/archivesspace-trello>