

The University of Detroit Mercy presents a special edition of Ask The Professor.

In the midst of the Coronavirus Outbreak, the University has asked most employees to work from home; so today's program was recorded with all of the professors connecting to each other from different locations, using the Zoom Videoconferencing technology. We hope you enjoy today's program.

The University of Detroit Mercy Tower Chimes ring in another session of ask the professor, the show on which you match wits with University of Detroit Mercy professors in an unrehearsed session of questions and answers. I'm your host Matt Mio and let's say hi to your panel for today. To my left from my screen it's Professor Dan Maggio. Welcome everybody, thank you for this return to some sense of normalcy. Absolutely, were very glad to have you here and you are one of the very few people, the only person; No, we have a couple wearing headsets. So I always feel like you're going to ask me to, you know, call me now for World book Encyclopedia or something like, that but that's okay. Professor Mara Livezey is here with us today. How's it going Mara? Feeling great, haven't showered in days, but you can't tell. Last day of lab today, right. Yes, And let me tell you I've never been more impressed by the quality of peer review that our students give to one another. Really impressive. I'm glad to hear it. I know that we all have different hardships, but there is a special hardship that comes from the folks teaching clinicals and laboratories and studios during covid-19 here, so I have a special place in my heart for you. Professor Jason Roche is here with us. And I'm glad to be here. And I'm unmuting my mic so you can maybe pick up the sounds of some screaming kids sometime during the show. Jason, we expect them to make an appearance some time during the show. Well, they did when Dave took the screenshots, so you might see them in that screenshot. They're frequent guests in my on-line classes as well. I bet they are. Mostly my kids show up when I'm still teaching around 3:00, or in some sort of important Zoom meeting where everybody is all higher ranking than I am. And "Dad, school's out!" I'm like, I don't even know what that means. Okay Professor Beth Oljar, aka B-dog is also here. Ah, yes. just a little memory of Kathy a remembering

times long gone or not too far long gone, on days when I have no idea when all the memories are going to come flooding back at this point probably the moment that I have a meeting with people in a life form sometime in the future, and I'm just going to lose it. Professor Kathy Bush, she always introduced Professor James Balfour Tubbs. How are you Jim?

Yes, I'm doing just fine. Professor Prasad Venugopal is here with us. Yes, I noticed this does not allow me to come back with some quick retort. When Maura says you can't tell, and I wanted to say "because you can't smell" and I'm happy to be here, and I was thinking at some point I should play the 3-second video that those of you in Chemistry we're privy to today. maybe the rest of them oh my I don't know if people have seen the internet craze that is putting your entire face into the opening of a teapot and blowing out of the liquid. Prasad was dared to do it and he did it on video this morning. Oh, I could have saved myself 6 bucks if somebody had said Neti pot in the morning, because I went to Ace Hardware and got myself one. It looks like Professor Dave Chow is here, feverishly taking notes for the show. Pleasure to be here, as always. Hopefully that's not a call back to Mara's shower. It is. Professor Stephen Manning is joining us today. Good afternoon Matt. And then what's this art you have behind you? I have tried to make it out. It looks very bucolic. thank you I think. Professor Heather Hill is here with us today, too. I would give you high marks Heather. We've been doing a lot of interview practice for our pre-health students if they ever going to finish undergrad at some point, and we always tell them to have neutral background. Ah, it's not on purpose, it's just what's behind my desk. Makes for a great mugshot. This is a program where you can send us questions regarding anything. If you stump the panel, you win a prize. You can send the questions to us in the number of ways. you can e-mail atp@udMercy.edu. you can reach us on the web of course find us in our Facebook group or listen on your smart speaker by asking it to play ask the professor at University of Detroit Mercy. Who knows what else it's listening to about your life. We received some contact here from a long time listener Brian Stoll of Elmira New York. "I started listening to ATP back in the 70s it was on whfm out of Rochester at some ungodly early hours on Sunday mornings. I may have run across it in college in Ohio, but started

listening again when I found it in podcast form, probably about 20 years ago. I might have done some internet search, and I found it was still in production. Love the show. since it's not at an ungodly hour anymore. Well it still is, because I'm up early for work, in radio by the way. But I can listen to it whenever I want to. Thanks for writing us Brian. We really appreciate that, and we have every confidence That ask the professor is actually one of the longest-standing continuously running radio shows in the United States and sooner or later we'll figure that out for sure and celebrate it. And the funniest too. Oh absolutely. Is everybody ready for some questions? Okay, "Hi professors, in the past I sent you questions for your program but now I return with a vengeance, figuratively speaking, with a set of 20 including a bonus question. If you get 18 out of 20 right, consider yourselves fortunate in going against the unconquerable me. I wish you all the best, Natalie Bohay, a Detroit Mercy alumna May 2011 from Sterling Heights, Michigan."

Excellent, not only that but I can't help, trying not to get too corny or dramatic here, but this email was sent to us on March 4th so it feels like it's on the other side of the Grand Canyon, as far as where we're sitting right now. The shortest war in world history took place in 1896 in Zanzibar located in present-day Kenya. How long did it last? 30 days. It says "depending on perspective, 38 to 45 minutes. It was between 9 a.m and about 9:40. Economical. Who won? The people who made the clocks I think. I don't I don't know. That is really short. Does our resident political scientist have any memory of the great Zanzibar War. How old do you think Stephen is that he would have a memory of that war? Not an empirical memory, for Pete's sake. Another witty comment. Okay try this one on for size, these questions look like they're all over the map. Which island in the bahamas is home to feral but swimming pigs? No humans currently reside on this island. The feral but swimming pigs island? No, it says the name of the island is Exuma. Exuma. I didn't know there were no people on that island. Right. Uh, Jim, don't book a cruise to Exuma. That is good advice. Humphrey O'Sullivan is credited for what modern invention? Does it have anything to do with his name? It doesn't. But I guarantee that most of us are enjoying this invention at this exact moment. and it has nothing to do with Underpants. The internet? No. Elastic? Really close Prasad really really close. It has

something to do with rubber. Rubber sole on shoes? Yeah, it's the sole of shoes. Rubber soles. Who are the heathens wearing shoes in their house? True or false, when author Tom Clancy died in 2013 the cause of death was suicide. False. It is true that it's false. Clancy died of an undisclosed illness and in the end we really don't know why he died because his death is shrouded in Clancy-esc mystery. Maybe you have to read his latest book to find out. Well, you better be ready to sit down for like 10 days. Those suckers were like James Michener. Well, couldn't we go to like Exuma Island to find out. If they're feral pigs and swimming, he's been eaten by them already. Wait. How big do feral pigs get? Hey, they make great pork buns. Hey, it the first Friday after Lent. It's time for pork buns. In what country is the famous Rock Palace located? It was the former residence of a royal family until the country's major revolution in 1962. Madagascar? It's central eastern Europe or something. Actually, it looks like it's the Middle East, Beth. I mean, the Rock Palace sounds pretty rockin if you ask me. What, like Harpos? Is it the UAE? it's not the UAE it's not Egypt. Qatar? The other end of the alphabet. Yemen. Yeah, it's Yemen. The royal family of Yemen until 1962 lived in the Rock Palace. Do we know why it's called the Rock Palace? A sandwich made with ham, gruyere and two slices of bread smothered in Bechamel is called what? Delicious. yeah that's it. Croque Monsier? That's right. That is a lot of cheese, and I have no problem with it. Before the 70s, PBS was formerly referred to by what acronym? This is going to take a coupe of older X-ers to answer. Like the Children's Television Workshop or something like that? APM? American public media? That's not it. PTV? Nice. Prologues transitions and viewpoints. No, it was called NET. for the national educational television. The great experiment. I got to say, if you haven't seen it yet, and everybody's got at least a little bit of time on their hands, PBS did a wonderful retrospect on the anniversary for relatively recently for Sesame Street, and I was blown away by how emotional it was for me, listening to songs and seeing the people who were the characters on the show still alive and talking about their experience. It was pretty awesome, I gotta say. Every thing will be alright as long as we still have Sesame Street. And mr rogers reruns. of course.

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In February 2020 YouTube aired a video that showed this Detroit Chaldean Catholic priest impressing Josh Groban with his performance of Where You Are during one of his concerts. Who was he? I'm surprised you don't know this. His name was Father Patrick Setto, and at Detroit Mercy we have a number of a Chaldean students who had a direct connection to this priest, so they were sharing it quite a bit on social media. Okay, Sonic, the fast-food drive-In released an odd tasting slush in the last week, what was it? Was it some odd flavor for a milkshake? You are pretty darn close. Was it dill pickle? You are exactly correct. Michael Jayson got it. You know, you're all making that sound, but I'm telling you right now on the hottest days of the year, I get this look from my wife and we all go out for ice cream and she gets the suicide slush every time. she thinks it's the greatest thing in the world. I don't know if there's dill pickle mixed in, but she likes the every flavor slush. Like you would know. Name all of the countries that once made up the former Yugoslavia. Macedonia, Slovenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia and Croatia. How long did the oldest person in the world live? 127? Actually I'm giving it to Professor Hill because you know within the error bars, it was 122 years. She was closer. True or false, the capital of Kyrgyzstan is Yerevan. I gotta go with true. I don't like these true-or-false questions. It's definitely false. The capital of Kyrgyzstan is Bishkek. In 2012, this British operatic pop singer announced she was making a trip to the International Space Station and sing while up in space, but then withdrew in 2015 who was it? Sarah Brightman. That's right. Dan knows this right off the top of his head. You know, up there on the list of questions that I never thought we'd ever get and "where the heck is this from" was "How long was the longest piece of rope ever manufactured?" Six miles? Gosh, I can't do the feet conversion. That would be 30000 feet. It's less than 30000 feet. It's not that big ball of twine that's sitting in Indiana or Kentucky, is it? But that's multiple pieces put together. 22000 feet? No, it says here that it's only 823 ft long. That's it. This sounds like one we can do if we wanna get in the Guinness Book. All we have to do is make it like 900 feet and we're in. Yeah, let's make some rope. Jason, you start and when you get to like 400 feet, call me. My three-day trial might run out of rope yarns material before then. I've got enough dryer lint though. True.

More, uh. More musical, as in stage musical trivia here Claude Michael Schoenberg and Alain Boublil the creators of Les Miserables and Miss Saigon wrote a sung-through musical based on an Irish historical figure called the Pirate Queen. What was her name? Any ideas? It's very Irish sounding. "O something?" O something? Partial credit. It that close enough Matt? No, seriously you are. Grace O'malley was her name. The Pirate Queen. In the United Kingdom, what are ice cream cones called in slang? Ices? That's not what it says here. The answer to this, there is no explanation with this. It basically will just eat us all up inside for the next week, you know. I'm getting a brain freeze on this. You know what it says, they're called 99's. Could it be that they were first sold for 99p? There you go, spoken like the world traveler, Professor James Balfour Tubbs. Name the fictional character whose first name is derived from that of a popular Entertainer born in Portugal in January 1909 and previously played by several actresses including Rita Moreno. Just to be absolutely clear, we said fictional character right? So this fictional character is from a video game that was very well known for being educational. Carmen Sandiego? Carman Sandiego. I was gonna guess Zelda. Who was gonna guess Zelda? That was me. Sir Edward Elgar set music to a poem written by st john Henry Newman. What was it called? Oh my, I have no other information, Elgar set to music a poem written by st john Henry Newman what was it called? Was it Jerusalem? No. No, but you made the Je sound, I got like really excited like you're going to get it. The Dream of Gerontius. I don't know what to say. Let's see if we can redeem ourselves as we near the end with a couple other ones. Which well-known Western University has its own TV studio producing a sketch comedy show called Studio C? UCLA? No it's the last university that you'd think it would be producing a comedy show with it's own TV studio. Is it in Utah? Yes. It's Brigham Young? Did they tape it in their underwear? I really hope so. Just their underwear. I heard it was a show filled with quick and witty retorts. One question left on the set. Thank you so much for sending these in Natalie. This is awesome. And of course, Professor Oljar remembered you, so very memorable days here on the McNichols campus, where none of us are right now. How many

pounds did Henry the 8th weigh at the time of his burial? 300? 450? No, I would say 310. More than 310. 550? One dollar? 502? The actual retail price -- No, uh Prasad, you said 502? That's still a little bit over. According to popular logic, it was around 400 pounds. Good grief, how many pall bearers did he have? 400, one for every pound. What's worse was that he was only 4 feet, ten. Heather, he was that short? He would have been fairly short. My professional opinion is that ain't right. Well, we've reached the end of our recording session here, but this has been a ton of fun. It's the first time we've recorded since late February. Again, on the other side of the Grand Canyon, we hope that you all are staying safe and well. But the time has come for us to say goodbye, Heather, Stephen, Dave, Prasad, ("What can one say after Underwear, bye"). Jim, Beth, Jason, Mara. And now these words –
(Closing announcement)

Ask the Professor is transcribed in the facilities of the Briggs building in the department of communication studies in the College of liberal arts and education at University of Detroit Mercy McNichols campus? No, today it's coming from everyone's homes. Ask the professor is produced and directed by Michael Jayson with help from Brian Maisonville, and executive producer is that guy over there, Professor Jason Roche. And until next week I'm your host Matt Mio.