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University tower chimes ringing another session of Ask The professor the show on which you match wits with the University of Detroit mercy professors in an unrehearsed session of questions and answers. I'm your host Matt Mio and let me introduce to you our panel for today. I see Professor Jim Tubbs on here.

I'm here. That's why you see me
very very good to see you always. Jim. How was your week? Oh,

it's been it's been pretty nice. Pretty nice. I really love that warm warm weather stretch we had wow was that great? That was an Indian summer like that and years and years. Yeah, it's really

good. Really good.

familiarize myself with because I i've been reading Farmers Almanac for these last few years. Someone said something about if you haven't chilly All Saints, which we definitely did have a warm Veterans Day and it was only off by a couple days. So it was kind of interesting. gym Monday night was incredible. It was 74 degrees outside at 8pm. And my family and I just went outside and took some walks it was it was gorgeous.

Like I was doing I was out walking. Also, Professor Dan Maggio. How was your weekend?

It was good. busy. I washed my car Monday. actually got my shorts on and went outside and washed the car. So that was nice. Just getting ready for

the holidays and
not going anywhere for Thanksgiving. You know? You're gonna be very safe about that holiday.

Yeah, well, my my I would usually go to Pennsylvania and spend with my family. But they're they've canceled I got notified the official notification last night came through that they are not hosting Thanksgiving. And I said, Well, I was coming home anyway. Because I just even if I go home, you know, I would spend a few days there anyway.

And I would I thought well, what am I going to do if nobody wants me coming to their house? And I'll just kind of wander aimlessly around here. And there was nowhere to go. So

why don't you come into their house?

Well, you know, they may not want visitors. So I wasn't I decided a while ago and then with the

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news and the the recommendation that you do not go travel. I decided I'm going to enjoy five days. Up here. Just relaxing.

Notice from your mom

from my brother, my brother and his wife, they host so my mom is going to get free turkey dinner delivered to her but they wouldn't come to Detroit. I tried to say would you drive up here? So anyway, I hope everybody has a wonderful Thanksgiving. Professor Stephen Manning

is also here with us today. Good afternoon all.

We missed you last week, Stephen and Heather was saying that you were very, very busy on the phone. I hope that your consultations have gone well.

Now we'll see.

The results are still forthcoming. What did the like lower level staffer from the Trump White House say today? Look, we're going forward as if the President is getting a second term. So that it and everybody in the audience is just like,

this is freaking me out all these
cabinet level people.
The few remaining staffers in the West Wing, apparently. Exactly.

I mean, I know regardless of what he does, or doesn't do, we're gonna have a new president as of January 20, at noon. That's right. But still, this holding up of that transition is just really bad.

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Yeah, it is. And and I don't mean to normalize it. I just like to point out when you're married to historian who likes stories in particular about first ladies. And so there's this new series about the First Lady's which looks really really

interesting. Leslie is already in for me, we've had for inaugurations were losing possible incumbents just didn't bother to show up and basically flip the bird to the person who was taking office so that wouldn't be that I was hoping it would be the first time you know, for the historian was

the last one must have been in the 19th century.

I believe so I believe not in the modern era. Jim not in the modern era.

The Bush Obama transition now looks like the model

of nice notes and you know, well wishes and all that other fun stuff, you know, decorum.

Professor Heather Hill is here with us today.

Hello.

Hello. How

are you?

I'm good.

Oh, is it okay to bring up that your stay from teaching is the days are numbered. Or do we not talk about?

Oh,

I actually have whole year off?

Yeah, I just mean, you know, with every passing moment, you know, we all get closer to this rifle of doom.

I know, that topic is now off limits.

You're gonna be around all the winter term to what? I will. Ah,

I'm going to be very stern with you. Yes.

Heather, have you had some successful writing lately?

Um, I wrote a paragraph.

That's very nice.

To me, that's a big deal. I learned from a very respected, just sub Nobel Prize scientist, that if you can write one sentence a day, you're doing pretty good as an academic. And I think I tend to agree with that, to some extent.

That was not my experience in graduate school, I remember being able to write like 10 pages of pretty decent philosophy in a day.

Maybe it's the different disciplines. But

no, I, maybe, but no, I just think I was good at it, then. And I'm not now.

The researching and writing was what you were doing all the time, when you were in graduate school, you're a lot more to do now that you have to change gears and get back into the research and writing mode. And that's the hard part. Even though I was teaching in graduate school, it wasn't full time like I am now. So

Heather, Can you remind us what you're writing?

I'm working on images of disruptive women, both in contemporary American culture as well as in the late Middle Ages.

seem sort of trans historical study.

Very cool.

Professor Dave Chow is here with us as well.

Pleasure to be here as always.

Excellent. What are you drawing? Dave? What did you draw from our last recording?

No, I'm just taking notes. Oh, okay. So Michael has something to record that we

were actually here. So I'm just filling these things out every week. So once in a while you dropped Well, there was something there on that sheet. There was turkey or glove or the hand

I was gonna turn that into a turkey. Okay. So it's that time of year,

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time of the year, my dog with playdough in front of it from last week. That was great.

That was great. Zombie Beth resurges and of course, that's a perfect transition to tell you that Professor Beth Oljar is here.

Here.

So I'm looking forward to this break. Beth, what about you?

Well, I'm definitely looking forward to the break after the semester ends. I mean, I'll be reading drafts of papers or next weekend.

Yeah, that's a that's a tough time of year. tough time of year for us all. And it's all coming a little bit earlier than we're used to. So, you know, don't forget as I was driving me at home from my parents, as I mentioned earlier last night, Beth, we're driving home and Emmet yawns, and he's like, Dad, what time is it? Like it's 630. He goes, What? Oh, that's the enemy. It was already pitch black Of course, but he's eight. Yes, he's eight.

He's tired at 630

Well, I don't know if he's tired or not. He just didn't believe he actually accused me of having modified the clock in my earlier because he's like, there's no way dad. It's like midnight. I'm like it's

time change. Who your spring. Yeah,

but the good thing about it getting dark early is that like, I could go up to bed and settle in. And I don't feel because I watch TV after and I watch TV after we get in bed. So I'm usually upstairs by eight. or close soon thereafter.

I completely understand. Yeah, but

you sleep because you get up at, you know, the butt crack of dawn. earlier than God, we're going to try to keep the total number of badcock references.

Sorry,
we've hit quota.

We've said that to me. And of course evaluation was terrible at that time of day. So like, well, you got enough coffee, anything is possible.

That's right. That's right. Caffeine is your friend. Folks. This is a program where you can send us questions regarding anything if you stumped the panel, you enterprise can send us questions in a number of ways. Email us at ATP at UT mercy.edu. Find us on Facebook and Instagram or listen on your favorite smart speaker by asking you to play ask the professor at University of Detroit mercy. All right, we've got a set Have questions here professors? Here you are at part five to my question and answer saga. All because some clever student who was a former UTM student put these together, prepare yourselves for this fifth set of questions, because things are going to get interesting and hotter than last time. Along the way you will be faced with one from the familiar

to the even more treacherously unfamiliar. And of course, as usual, for lots of different subjects. After all, there's no rest for the educated, especially with persons such as yourselves. I won't stop there with this challenge I put up against you. Let's see if you can do 19 out of 20 who,

oh,

best wishes of course, that's Natalie bow Hey, Detroit mercy alumnus alumna from 2011. Let's see what she's put together here. In 2015, a Moscow Russia psychiatric hospital was fined for doing what strange and outrageous activity

brainwashing their patients.

Um, you know, I'm gonna have to give you a partial credit bath but how exactly do you think that

was being done?

Please, deprivation?

You know what they were doing? They were showing them something. Did it involve watching something? What we did,

like a Billy Ray Cyrus video for 48 hours or

something like that? It didn't take their eyes open. Did they? Or something like that? I really hope not. This would be like part of a comedy sketch or maybe a stand up a bit about what's probably in the top five bottom five of movies are not going to show people at a psychiatric hospital.

Oh, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest.

It's a good guess. But we're doing a little bit more modern. It was Silence of the Lambs.

Oh, that's even better.

So I was gonna say it was gonna be like, the Manimal marathon or something like that right, man. Right.

Why did they pass out lotion? It puts the lotion on.

Are you ready?

They filled The Silence of the Lambs to pediatric patients. Well, that's not funny.
Well, that's messed up. That's messed up.
They're commies. What are you gonna do?

All right, with very odd sport was banned by the New York State Government in 2011.
curling. No thumb, foot wrestling on odd sport does have to have something to do with animals.

No, you'll love this. This sport was banned alongside Are you ready? kickball? freeze tag, dodgeball because, quote,

freeze tag

unsafe and cause a significant amount of injury to young children. tetherball rugby ball is a great guess.

So it's got to be something in the playground. darts.
That literally is dangerous.
But if I held up a highly perforated white plastic ball, wiffle ball, ball, ball ball Yes.

These people didn't grow up when I grew up. We first of all, we played freeze tag all the time. Yeah, and nobody ever got hurt, at least not their feelings. But yeah.

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dodgeball shouldn't be played in schools. Well, competitively. I've seen that so but dodgeball also can be a bowling game. Yeah, I can remember getting hit pretty severely. So

all I know about wiffle ball is the bat was very light. And as per everything in my household, at least between my brother and I, we just wailed on each other with it. It's like Hot Wheels tracks with each other to death, wiffle bat with each other. I mean, that's two by

fours. Typically pretty skinny to that. It is right toe or hot wheel tracks.

just slice through the air with a little tongue in there, too. How about if point five milliliters is a quarter teaspoon, and five of them equal one ish? How many milliliters are in a tablespoon 12 to 15. It's difficult to do with standard measure and milliliters and I gotta say ever since my niece got her, got her baking degree. And of course, I realized that everything is done metric. Even in American baking. When you specify milliliters, it's way easier than using cups and teaspoons.

In pharmacy, it's assumed that a teaspoon is five mills and a tablespoon is 15. Right.

You're listening to a special edition of Ask The professor in which each of the seven professors participating In this recording session, we're connecting to each other from different locations thanks to zoom video conferencing technology. We're grateful to those listeners who submitted questions for today's show, and we welcome your questions at ATP at UT mercy.edu.

Now,
let's return to our host Matt Mio with more questions for the panel.

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We've got questions from Natalie bow, hey, how many seeds does the average American watermelon contain and what we'll put some tolerances on this

6500 300 100

to 10

I think in your tummy do you grow watermelon there?

If you're lucky,

Heather, I'm afraid you were a little bit low, but it looks like all the other numbers might fit. It's anywhere between 208 100 seeds to 800 that's a lot of

even the seedless ones so called

800 seeds I mean, there's more see the neat sides, I guess. bigger ones have more seeds. Yes. Wow. 800

though, true or false. Andrea Bocelli, the celebrated Tuscan tenor and disciple, if you will, of Luciano Pavarotti had been blind since birth. Oh, I think he was went blind in childhood, didn't he? He did go blind in childhood. So it's false. Jim, do you know what blinded him?

I don't remember science? Three or four when it gets such terrible

that, you know, he didn't. This is really sad when you think about it. It was a was not a wiffleball accident. Let me get ahead of that right now. But I will your accident he got fired by a soccer ball that he will

No kidding. Very.

So you must have been, I mean, clearly not in the in the eye because to be hit by soccer ball and take out both eyes. I wonder if it was

like he was trying to? Oh, oh, it's tough.

It's a freak accident.

Wasn't Ray Charles blinded by lie?

Actually. That rings a bell. It was chemical right?

I think I mean, that's what I remember from the movie. Some lie splashed in his eyes or something like that.

No, I think you're right. I think a

little like six or seven, something like that.

Before any changes, professors were made by the Second Vatican Council on what other grounds besides unrepentant heresy, excommunication cremation and suicide. Good. The Catholic Church formerly denied burial to a member. So all of those things were a reason to deny your burial, but one is missing from the list. Pre Vatican two?

possession? Nope. Although that would make a lot of sense. It's not marrying a non Catholic. No, it's not actually well, that

wouldn't be child abuse. New. Yes. You mentioned heresy.
heresy is on the list. Okay.
But unrepentant Harris, unrepentant here. So yeah,

it is possible to beat off or get past that qualifier under torture when you quit. Clean?

Is it an illness, a physical illness? No, you know, it's something that you definitely make a choice to do. I think I could give it away by saying one word

that have to do with clothing choice. Like clothing choice. No, no, no.
I said the word Hamilton
sing and dance.

Horse, dueling, dueling death by
balding was like singing dance better, by the way. Yeah. Wow.

I had a pretty hilarious discussion about dueling in my philosophy of law class. I'm not entirely sure how the subject came up. But I had a student asked me what it was, what dueling was. And I said, it was a method of settling disputes of honor. That was so stupid, only men would think to do it. And nobody was gonna get into duel with this student of mine. So I had to offer to stand as his second in the duel, and then I had to explain what that meant. It was pretty hysterical.

This person had seen Hamilton who had not seen Hamilton.

I don't think he had but another student informed him that that was actually how Hamilton had died. So as vice presidents go, I suppose killing a guy. You know, definitely not one of your better attributes, I suppose that puts them slightly behind. Or maybe ahead of Spiro Agnew. Right. Tax cheating. Right, right. Hi.

Speaking of vice presidents, I thought it might be having dinner with a woman, not your wife. Oh, well, nice. Nice.

Mother there.

I mean, I understand calling her mother in front of the children. I mean, I get if you grew up in a certain generation have that could happen. Yeah, well, it's just freakin creepy, but not as a name, mother. But as this is your mother, which is

factually accurate,
right? But you might use it as a name in front of the kids, at least, not in general public, but not in

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general. That's just to where
it kind of goes along with some other shall we say under matured attitudes about things?

That's fair to say. We're euphemistic professors 19th century French actress Sarah Bernhardt, who by the way was born Henriette Roseann Barnard, was said to have originated what very to this day fashionable piece of clothing

or anything like that was it?

Nope, it wasn't a bikini wasn't a hat. It was a hat. But what happened? Was that sort of a wide brimmed hat. Okay, let's start. bowler, Derby, Fedora.

There we go. It was the fedora. She popularized the use of a fedora, which is like the greatest hat of all time, a great hat. It's a great hat. It's iconic. It's iconic.

I had I wore in high school pretty often.

There you go. This type of hat it says here takes its name from the play Fedora of which Bernhardt had assumed the role of the titular heroine, Princess Fedora Roma's off, oddly enough, the fedora that she wore in the play wasn't like the one we see today. It became fashionable with women first, and was particularly tied to the women's rights movement. I believe there's evidence that she started the fad. So I mean, that's fairly recent, if you think about it.

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Hey, that would have been kind of cool for Kamala Harris to walk up to the podium with a fedora on

that has a place in your book, Heather? Yeah, maybe.

Dora, Dora.

One of the greatest things about Foyle's war is the great fedoras.

Yes, absolutely. That's you have to hear that particularly what he had what I particularly liked was kind of that purple, rich purple color. Probably really good quality felt wool.

Yeah. A dark green one that I really like.

I think it's probably time for us to do an ask the professor field trip to Henry the Hatter in Detroit. All right.

Well, yeah, he's had to move from the downtown location. isn't nice to market now. Yep.

What fruit was humorously described by Mel Brooks has half peach half plum, nectarine. nectarine. Yeah, only makes sense. That's Mel Brooks. God love him. How

old is he? No

clue lot, but that's a plum and an apricots.

also delicious, by the way. Okay, recently, it sounds like Natalie is learned of the scaly endangered animal whose species are native to sub Saharan Africa and Asia. And it feeds mainly on ants and termites with its long tongue. It's been tied to the covid 19 outbreak.

Oh, Steven, what's that called? We both read the article. Yeah, the

two utara is it? Oh, pangolin. Yeah.

angle and angle in? Yes. This actually may have been the vector by which COVID-19 came to human beings. It may have been started by bats. But penguins actually are prized pets. Yeah, actually, my

dad told me about having them. He said they were tasty. I question nothing that man ate, okay. We'll take it. I'll take it. I

understand people who own like big spiders and snakes and bugs and they all just terrify me.

Penguins actually look really, really cute. But it's jarring to the pattern of our minds to see something that you would expect like an anteater to be hairy and see it sort of scaly, it looks like it's a weird Cross of a mammal and a

reptile little Komodo dragon like to me kind of it'd be perfect for like the Mandalorian set. Ask your data if it tastes like chicken everything tasted like chicken to them back then it didn't move the ate it and I've got even I've got horrific food stories that they've passed on to me that if I ever got into you might never eat out again. So

hey, what do these relatively well known human beings in the United States of America have in common? Especially one of them here. Ken Jennings, Stephenie Meyer. Elizabeth smart.

No. jeopardy.

They've never been in Dan Maggio's kitchen. That is true statement. However,

that's not close enough.

Elizabeth smart with was she was kidnapped? Correct. And then Ken Jennings one chapter, zillions.

So who's the second one?

Stephenie Meyer, I want to say She's the author.

She's the author of The Twilight series. Yeah, yes. Yeah. So we have heard of blame for that. The authors?

Are they all from the same town?

They're all from the same something but not geographically speaking DNA.

They have the same DNA

college.

It's pronounced dinner. No, they do not.

They're often the same place but not in a physical sense. Right. So it's just like some previous life. Oh, please. We are we're getting really close Unfortunately, they no they're all they're all they're all Mormons.

Oh, I looked at that pangolin thing that is a weird looking critter. I think it's ugly. So people eat baby that

baby yeah.

She bullied possum which is truly one of the ugliest meanest animals that has ever lived.

They're not mean you chase them down they freeze on you

know it can be when they're roadkill and you don't have to do anything but pick them off. Pretend to rise.

Professors You did very very well on this really really tough questions that Natalie does such a good job like many of our questions submitters to send us all sorts of detail about these so very, very well done. We will have all sorts of pangolin and soccer injury related dreams tonight. And we can thank Natalie for that. I'm afraid that the time has come for us to say goodbye. So Beth, Goodbye. See you next week.

Dave? See ya. Heather.
Oh, by
Stephen by Dan. Goodbye, Jim. Aloha.

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