

atp 2144

📅 Thu, 7/8 2:36PM ⌚ 29:33

SUMMARY KEYWORDS

professor, questions, lobsters, studying, teach, beth, hair, explores, called, laughs, book, regional, class, fried, maine, detroit, university, atp, huskies, delicious

SPEAKERS

Beth Oljar, Stephen Manning, Mara Livezey, Announcer, Dan Maggio, Michael Jayson, James Tubbs, Dave Chow, Heather Hill, Matt Mio

A **Announcer** 00:02
The University of Detroit Mercy presents another brand new episode of Ask The Professor. Today's program was recorded using Zoom video conferencing technology.

M **Matt Mio** 00:21
The University tower chimes ringing another session of Ask The Professor, the show in 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 me introduce to you our panel for today. In my upper left, the same place he is in my heart, it's Professor Jim Tubbs,

J **James Tubbs** 00:42
(Laughter)

M **Matt Mio** 00:43
Upper left ventricle.

- J** James Tubbs 00:47
Yes, I'm very ventricular.
- M** Matt Mio 00:50
(Laughs) How's it going, Jim? You enjoying the weather?
- J** James Tubbs 00:53
Well, yeah, so far. So good. It's cooled off a bit today. But it was very surprising. I was in Las Vegas last week,
- M** Matt Mio 01:01
Right.
- J** James Tubbs 01:01
And when I got home, it was warmer here than it was when I left in Las Vegas, which I found rather odd. But
- M** Matt Mio 01:07
It is odd. Of course, the man who hears and sees all, its Professor Dave Chow.
- D** Dave Chow 01:14
Pleasure to be here, as always.
- M** Matt Mio 01:15
Mmh-hmm. Were you doing your like Carnac there or - ?
- D** Dave Chow 01:19
No, I've just been sitting in this chair all morning, because I've been doing market research for Gummy Bears all day today. So we are doing new gummy flavors soon.

M Matt Mio 01:30
Okay.

D Dave Chow 01:31
Innovative people. I will say that.

M Matt Mio 01:33
Okay. Okay.

D Dave Chow 01:34
The gummy stuff is amazing. So

M Matt Mio 01:37
I think it's so great, that just totally matter of factly, like, Matt, everyone, I've been on Zoom for a long time talking gummy bears, like I need a break. Like this is very sort of normal for you. And

D Dave Chow 01:50
this is my regular routine.

M Matt Mio 01:52
That's right. Professor Beth Oljar is here with us. And I just, it's been a month Beth, I had to say I gasped when I saw the length of your hair. I think it's great. But it was just a very big change in my mind's eye.

B Beth Oljar 02:05
Oh, that's because I usually have pulled it back.

M Matt Mio 02:10
Sure.

-  Beth Oljar 02:10
And I just didn't - uh - I didn't do that because I was late getting upstairs. So running a brush through it was about as much as any of you were going to get. Sorry.
-  Matt Mio 02:20
(Laughs)
-  Beth Oljar 02:21
Yeah, I haven't gotten my hair cut in, like forever, so - And it may stay this way for a while. I don't know.
-  Matt Mio 02:29
Nice. It looks nice.
-  Beth Oljar 02:32
Thank you.
-  James Tubbs 02:32
Yes, it does.
-  Dave Chow 02:33
You can throw it out your second-story window, and Drew can climb out in case of a fire.
-  Beth Oljar 02:37
I can hear my older sister, "look at all that gray!".
-  Matt Mio 02:41
Oh, for Pete's sake.
-  Beth Oljar 02:42

She's let hers grow out white now. Maybe she wouldn't give me a hard time. But



Dan Maggio 02:48

I'm willing to buy a bottle of Clairol and come down to your house or whatever.



Beth Oljar 02:52

No. Once you start coloring your hair, you have to keep coloring your hair and I am way too cheap and have no desire to spend that much time, and I'm just not going to do it.



Matt Mio 03:03

Yeah.



Dave Chow 03:03

Go natural.



Beth Oljar 03:04

And you get old - people get older. It's just called you know, the human condition.



James Tubbs 03:10

Yep.



Matt Mio 03:11

Spoken like a Philosophy professor.



Beth Oljar 03:14

That would make sense.



Beth Oljar 03:16

Professor Mara Livezey is here with us today. What's going on, Mara?

- M** Mara Livezey 03:20
You know, it's a too warm for me. It's like 100% humidity out there. But uh, Beth, I just want to say from a 30-year-old who's prematurely graying, 5000 thumbs up on that. I'm not gonna start dyeing my hair ever. Thank you very much.
- J** James Tubbs 03:37
Mara, when I was in Las Vegas last week, it was 8% relative humidity.
- M** Mara Livezey 03:42
Oh! That's the dream
- J** James Tubbs 03:44
It's about the driest I've been.
- B** Beth Oljar 03:48
When it's 80 degrees inside my house, the air conditioning goes on. I don't care what- that's like my - If it gets there, I'm not even going to try to tolerate it anymore. And nobody has to be around when I'm trying. So -
- M** Matt Mio 04:01
Right.
- M** Mara Livezey 04:01
That's like 75 - is my limit.
- B** Beth Oljar 04:04
Well, that makes me feel better.
- D** Dave Chow 04:06
Oh! I've got the cryogenic tubes going right about now, so - I'm not aging.

- M** Matt Mio 04:10
I was just gonna say something about, you know - It's not the heat. It's the humidity because you can see what this humidity does to my hair. It's just a wreck.
- D** Dave Chow 04:18
The ringlets coming off your forehead are amazing.
- M** Matt Mio 04:22
Professor Heather Hill is here with us today.
- H** Heather Hill 04:25
Hello.
- M** Matt Mio 04:26
(Laughs) You were like foofing your hair and it's just -
- H** Heather Hill 04:30
I don't know. It's just - you know, it's -
- M** Matt Mio 04:32
But you were - the way you were like - you were waiting to be introduced there was great.
- H** Heather Hill 04:35
Oh, cool. Yeah. Well, I was thinking you know, Beth, you don't have to dye it a natural color. Remember, Olivia, my daughter's, aquamarine hair?
- D** Dan Maggio 04:44
I could do blue.
- B** Beth Oljar 04:45

I'm pretty sure that would involve a sacrifice of dignity at the age of 55.



Dave Chow 04:49

Oh - like you're worried about dignity by being on this show?



Beth Oljar 04:52

Touche, my friend. Touche. Well played.



Heather Hill 04:57

We all come on here in order to, you know, have our undignified moments.



Matt Mio 05:01

That's right. That's right.



Beth Oljar 05:03

I try to have those in the classroom.



Matt Mio 05:05

And again, you leave me with these this horrific segues; Like, speaking of indignity, it's Professor Stephen Manning. I'm not going to do that this time. I'm just going to introduce Stephen and say Stephen Manning is also here with us today.



Stephen Manning 05:19

Hello. Good afternoon.



Matt Mio 05:21


You - you have a nice little sort of clean cut action going on. No, no long hair for you. This time.





Stephen Manning 05:27


Well, I'm going back to the guy. Yep.


 Matt Mio 05:29
Okay.


 Stephen Manning 05:30
Actually, truth be told, we sat down yesterday afternoon at 2:55, and we went to line - we couldn't get on.


 Heather Hill 05:39
My fault.

 Matt Mio 05:39
Oh, no.

 Stephen Manning 05:40
So we kept checking the - you know, the code and all this stuff. And finally, one of us realized - It's tomorrow! We have no idea what day it ever is.

 Matt Mio 05:51
I tell you what though, being early is much better than being late. So I think everything is fine.

 Heather Hill 05:56
24 hours early.

 Stephen Manning 05:58
Yeah, we're losing our minds.

 Matt Mio 06:02

You and everybody else, Stephen.

S Stephen Manning 06:04
Yeah.

D Dave Chow 06:04
Past tense or present tense? I mean -

S Stephen Manning 06:06
Both.

B Beth Oljar 06:08
We're all quite mad here.

M Matt Mio 06:09
That's right. Uh, Dan Maggio is here. He's here to do an advertisement for First game changers Star Wars edition.

D Dan Maggio 06:17
I have to tell you that that's the old slide too, and I need to change that. So - like you don't know what day. I don't even know what computer I'm on. So I get a different background depending on which computer I'm on and which app I'm using.

M Matt Mio 06:28
Oh, my gosh.

D Dan Maggio 06:29
So, I have to change that, but thank you for the nod to the game there. Thank you.

M Matt Mio 06:34

And drinking out of your Ask The Professor mug.



Dan Maggio 06:36

I am. I earned this by sending in questions at one point.



Matt Mio 06:41

That's awesome. Well, folks, you know, that's how the program works. You can send us questions regarding anything. If you stump the panel, you win a prize. You can send us the questions in a number of ways. Email us at ATP at UDMercy.edu. Find us on the Facebook or Instagram, or listen on your favorite smart speaker by asking it to play Ask The Professor at University of Detroit Mercy. I think we're gonna have a little bit of fun with this set of questions that was sent in by one of our favorite people at University of Detroit Mercy. These were sent in by Detroit Mercy's assistant registrar Mr. Jeff Nardecchia. "These questions are inspired by a course title that almost appeared in the Detroit Mercy schedule, "Let's Do Drugs."



Dave Chow 06:42

Oh!



Mara Livezey 06:48

Yes!



Matt Mio 06:49

"Here are 10 questions inspired by actually offered college course titles from all over the United States.



Beth Oljar 07:37

Oh boy.



Matt Mio 07:39

This should be fun. Okay. MIT believed that studying this "sport" would allow students to explore the typification of masculinity over the course of recent American history. What

activity was being studied in this course?



Heather Hill 07:58

Video gaming.



Dave Chow 08:00

Quittance?



Mara Livezey 08:01

American football.



Beth Oljar 08:02

Yeah, football would be -



Dan Maggio 08:03

Yeah, something like -



Stephen Manning 08:04

Hockey?



Dave Chow 08:05

Toe wrestling.



Beth Oljar 08:06











Rugby?



Dan Maggio 08:06

Especially masculine? So, Is it - is it especially masculine?

- M** Matt Mio 08:12
I can tell you that it was offered at MIT in the spring of 2007. So it's relatively recent, but not completely recent.
- D** Dan Maggio 08:19
Uh, rhythmic gymnastics.
- B** Beth Oljar 08:23
frisbee throwing,
- H** Heather Hill 08:25
Synchronized swimming,
- S** Stephen Manning 08:26
Rugby.
- B** Beth Oljar 08:27
Yeah, rugby sounds like -
- S** Stephen Manning 08:29
Rugby.
- M** Matt Mio 08:30
The only - The only thing that I don't see you necessarily -
- D** Dan Maggio 08:33
Weightlifting?
- D** Dan Maggio 08:34
Of course, I'm using my air quotes around the word -

-  Heather Hill 08:36
Yeah. I saw that.
-  Beth Oljar 08:37
Chess?
-  Dan Maggio 08:39
Oh, is it beer drinking?
-  Matt Mio 08:42
It is physical. It's not beer drinking. No.
-  Mara Livezey 08:46
Like - lawn mowing,
-  Dan Maggio 08:47
so it's not really a sport, but it's masculine.
-  Matt Mio 08:50
So it's interesting, because I feel like you've thrown so many darts at the dartboard. What was that Heather?
-  Heather Hill 08:57
Uh, women watching?
-  Matt Mio 08:59
(Laughs) Well -
-  Mara Livezey 09:00
Yeah.

M Matt Mio 09:01
in a way, in a lot of ways, ou've all just gotten right up close to it, but not said the words.
It's a course in the history of American professional wrestling.

D Dan Maggio 09:13
Oh!

D Dave Chow 09:13
oh, wrastling?

J James Tubbs 09:14
Oh,

M Mara Livezey 09:16
Yeah.

M Matt Mio 09:16
So that's definitely like - you come home for the holidays, "Hey, how was the semester complement of courses?" Well, my Wrestling course has been really great. "You mean like learning how to wrestle?" No, we're studying Hulk Hogan.

B Beth Oljar 09:30
Drew could teach that. I didn't know you could teach that at MIT.

M Matt Mio 09:34
Apparently. Yeah. Apparently you can.

H Heather Hill 09:36
It's worth studying. It's cultural studies.

- M** Matt Mio 09:39
Oh, absolutely. I'm not saying it's not worth studying. I just find it fascinating. Just -
- J** James Tubbs 09:43
Well, I have a nephew that teaches at MIT and he was a big Hulk Hogan fan when he was four, but I think he grew out of it.
- S** Stephen Manning 09:51
And if you had to tell your parents that you got to "C" minus in the course.
- D** Dave Chow 09:58
I wanta know - what's the midterm like
- B** Beth Oljar 10:00
Well, you have to be able to differentiate Rowdy Roddy Piper from John Cena from -
- M** Matt Mio 10:04
Right.
- D** Dave Chow 10:05
Like a figure for a leg lock from a half Nelson or something like that.
- M** Matt Mio 10:08
Or, Or all the grades for the course are pre determined before the first day of class. I mean, everybody knows what the outcome will be.
- D** Dave Chow 10:15
I'm tapping out! I'm tapping out!
- D** Dan Maggio 10:17

Yeah,

M Matt Mio 10:17
Exactly.

B Beth Oljar 10:17
Who's a face, who's a heel?

M Matt Mio 10:20
Very nice. Let's try another one here. There was a course at Rutgers that was actually adapted into the book, "Ain't I A Diva, Beyonce and the Power of Pop Culture Pedagogy". What was the name of the course taught at Rutgers that became that book?

M Mara Livezey 10:42
Sasha Fierce.

B Beth Oljar 10:44
I was gonna say, something with -

D Dave Chow 10:45
How to Walk a Runway.

B Beth Oljar 10:46
How to be Fierce

D Dave Chow 10:48
Posing. Or -

M Matt Mio 10:49
I mean, again, you have like the the spirit of everything of what this is, just not the exact

wording. This was a course taught at Rutgers titled Politicizing Beyonce, was the name of the class. So when you say Sasha Fierce is the name of the course, I'm like, yeah, that's that's basically it. But it actually became a book, which I think is kind of cool. Now I have to go check that book out.

M Mara Livezey 11:10
I would take that class.

M Matt Mio 11:11
Yeah. "Ain't I a Diva?" I mean, come on. "Let's Do Drugs, "Ain't I a Diva?" I mean,

B Beth Oljar 11:18
I still think you should have been able to call it that. I really -

M Mara Livezey 11:21
They didn't let me.

B Beth Oljar 11:22
I know.

M Matt Mio 11:23
The Provost got involved, I just -


M Mara Livezey 11:25
(Laughing) the Provost.


H Heather Hill 11:28
The Provost got involved.


M Matt Mio 11:29

Oh, yes.


 **Heather Hill** 11:30
Even if you put it in quotation marks?


 **Matt Mio** 11:32
The - the chair of the department received a call from the Provost. It was like, "Can we please make this different?"


 **Dan Maggio** 11:42
You're talking about the UDM example?

 **Matt Mio** 11:44
Oh, yes. Oh, yes. Uh, This one is fairly straightforward. I think it's it's kind of entered into pop culture. The course itself honestly, over the last 25 years. Santa Clara University uses this popular entertainment franchise to teach its Physics courses.

 **Beth Oljar** 12:01
Harry Potter?


 **Dave Chow** 12:04
Star Wars?


 **Dave Chow** 12:05
No, it's a it's got to be a video game. No.

 **Beth Oljar** 12:08
It's a movie franchise.

 **Matt Mio** 12:08


Dave got closest, but I'm looking at Dan.


 **Mara Livezey** 12:11
What did he say?


 **Dan Maggio** 12:12
Whoa, whoa. Oh, Star Wars.

 **Matt Mio** 12:14
Star Trek,

 **Dan Maggio** 12:15
Oh, Star Trek.

 **Matt Mio** 12:15
Star Trek. The Physics of Star Trek, which also became a book after the class, by the way.

 **Dan Maggio** 12:20
I thought more of a video game, because they have to model physics so much. The movement and -

 **Matt Mio** 12:27
I know there was a while there that our physicists Prasad Venugopal was talking about having a class in Angry Birds, because the physics engine in Angry Birds is so hardcore, you can teach all the Newtonian dynamics from it. And I thought that was cool. It's just that Angry Birds aren't that relevant anymore. So.

 **Dan Maggio** 12:45
So it's

- S** Stephen Manning 12:45
It reminds me of something from William -William And The Windmill. You know that. He did teach a section on that.
- M** Matt Mio 12:52
Yes, he did. He did and had a great time of it this year, by the way.
- S** Stephen Manning 12:56
Yeah.
- D** Dan Maggio 12:57
So in Star Trek, I always wanted to know, this will be a good question for Prasad, How do they explain their artificial gravity?
- M** Matt Mio 13:06
Right? And how do they explain all the inertia problems away? Once you get an object started in motion, how does it stop? If there's no matter to stop it? So -
- B** Beth Oljar 13:16
Where do dilithium crystals come from?
- M** Matt Mio 13:18
(Laughs) There you go.
- B** Beth Oljar 13:21
Isn't that the key to warp speed?
- M** Matt Mio 13:23
Absolutely.

- D** Dan Maggio 13:24
There were - there were dilithium mines on some planets
- D** Dave Chow 13:28
Mmm-hmm. That's the latest plotline now, so
- B** Beth Oljar 13:31
So that doesn't correlate to Earth physics.
- D** Dave Chow 13:34
And then, what's the other thing that they have too, Dan? The Heisenberg Compensator?
- M** Matt Mio 13:34
Right.
- M** Matt Mio 13:39
Right. Right.
- D** Dave Chow 13:40
Like for beaming people in and out, like, how much does it take with you or leave behind?
I mean -
- M** Matt Mio 13:47
Right. How about this one? If you have a desire to learn phonology, vocabulary and grammar in a language that most people wouldn't be able to correct you and when you use it, you could take a class in this language developed by JRR Tolkien.
- M** Mara Livezey 14:06
Elvish.

M

Matt Mio 14:07

Elvish. You can take a class in Elvish. Yes. That is the real deal right there. That's at a place called Morley College. I'm not familiar with it, but feel free to learn. I mean, it's worse. Or you know, just as bad. You learn Latin. It's like a dying tongue. Right. But what about a tongue that's technically never been spoken except for in the movies?

D

Dave Chow 14:27

And isn't Klingon being taught at several universities too?

M

Matt Mio 14:30

Oh, yeah, that's that makes sense. Absolutely.

H

Heather Hill 14:33

Oh, yeah, it makes total sense. (Group laughter)

M

Michael Jayson 14:37

You're listening to a special edition of Ask The Professor, in which the eight professors participating in this recording session were 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 UDMercy.edu. Now let's return to our host Matt Mio with more questions for the panel.

M











Matt Mio 15:04

We've got questions from Detroit Mercy's assistant registrar, Mr. Jeff Nardecchia. Questions inspired by actually offered college course titles from all over the United States. How about something a little closer to home? This was uh, frankly, a few years before the pandemic, but we saw it a little bit in the news. This Michigan State University course explores human psychology and behavior during a very specific catastrophe. What course would teach those skills?

D

Dave Chow 15:39

911?

-  Stephen Manning 15:40
911? Yeah.
-  Matt Mio 15:40
Mmm-mmm.
-  James Tubbs 15:42
Ebola?
-  Matt Mio 15:43
Nope.
-  Beth Oljar 15:44
How the world's gonna end.
-  Matt Mio 15:46
You're getting close, Beth.
-  Dan Maggio 15:49
Like a zombie apocalypse?
-  Matt Mio 15:50
That is exactly it. How to Survive The Zombie Apocalypse. That's right. Yeah, there we go.
MmmHmm. That is a real deal course.
-  Dave Chow 15:59
And they just use Zombie Beth, the book. Right?
-  Matt Mio 16:02
Right, exactly. How about a history course at the University of Iowa? It explores what

Disney World, Yellowstone and Atlantic City have in common, all through a historical context. What would the undergrads taking this course be studying?



Heather Hill 16:21
Rides?



Stephen Manning 16:24
What are the three again? Yellowstone, Atlantic City and -



Matt Mio 16:27
Disney World, Yellowstone, Atlantic City.



Heather Hill 16:33
Alternative realities?



Dan Maggio 16:35
Is it a play on parks at all? No.



Matt Mio 16:37
Getting - getting close, Dan, although I do like alternative reality. You know, this is a course in studying the great American vacation, the great vacation, like a blog. Whatever that is,



Dave Chow 16:55
yeah.





Dan Maggio 16:56
Do people go to Atlantic City for vacation?





Matt Mio 16:59


Uh, Yeah, yeah.


 **Mara Livezey** 17:00
They do in the movies.


 **Dan Maggio** 17:02
They do in the mov - (Laughs)


 **Matt Mio** 17:04
How about this course offered at the University of California, Irvine. Have you ever considered how the Incredible Hulk would have impacted the environment on our planet? If you have, you might want to take this course.


 **Dave Chow** 17:19
Going Green?

 **Dan Maggio** 17:21
Haha. That's a good one.

 **Matt Mio** 17:23
Well, I got to give partial credit. That's -

 **James Tubbs** 17:24
Environmental Wrestling,

 **Mara Livezey** 17:26
Super Heroes and Their Effect on Society.

 **Matt Mio** 17:30
That - That's a 98% right there. It's "Science - From Superheroes to Global Warming". I

mean, finding a way to connect it, but I agree. Like, they totally missed the green angle there. I mean, come on. How about at good ole UC Berkeley. This course notes that a long running TV show's best moments serve as inroads to a broader consideration of philosophical imperatives in ethics, theology, freewill. What is the TV show covered in this course that first ran in 2003 and runs to this day at Berkeley?



Stephen Manning 18:07
Big Bang Theory.



Matt Mio 18:09
Mmm-mmm.



James Tubbs 18:10
Oh, uh, is it that one with - No, 2003.



Matt Mio 18:13
I actually have the book as a result of this course on the bookshelf in my office?



James Tubbs 18:19
Hmm,













Dave Chow 18:20
Theology and philosophy -



Matt Mio 18:23
Ethics and Free will.























Mara Livezey 18:25
Harry Potter.

-  Dave Chow 18:28
Survivor.
-  Matt Mio 18:29
Um, it might just be a few weeks off from
-  Matt Mio 18:34
No, you know, it's the Simpsons and Philosophy. It's an intro philosophy class that you -
-  Mara Livezey 18:34
(Laughs)
-  James Tubbs 18:39
Oh, we should have known that instantly with you Matthew. If you've got the book
-  Dave Chow 18:46
At his office?
-  Beth Oljar 18:48
There are a bunch of those books. So -
-  Matt Mio 18:49
Yeah, yeah.
-  Beth Oljar 18:50
Buffy, The Vampire Slayer and Philosophy, South Park and Philosophy, you know -
-  Matt Mio 18:53
Right, right.

- B** Beth Oljar 18:54
So yeah, that doesn't - That doesn't surprise me. Ethics and free will.
- M** Matt Mio 18:59
Mm hmm. good place to start right?
- D** Dave Chow 19:02
Sure.
- M** Matt Mio 19:03
You need not love oranges to study this course at Florida Southern. The class covers all the fruits in this field of study. What subject are you studying?
- J** James Tubbs 19:14
citrus fruit?
- M** Matt Mio 19:17
Yeah, it's, uh, Citrus Studies,
- M** Matt Mio 19:19
(Laughing) Citrus Studies.
- M** Mara Livezey 19:22
Like what are you learning?
- J** James Tubbs 19:24
When are you gonna get Acetic Acid Studies?
- S** Stephen Manning 19:28
I hope the instructor put more effort into the course than the title. (Group laughter)

- M** Matt Mio 19:36
Oh my gosh. I'm so sorry.
- J** James Tubbs 19:37
Prune - Prune Studies.
- S** Stephen Manning 19:38
There's the ole lemon squirt in the eye for you.
- M** Matt Mio 19:43
Oh, that is just - I don't even know what to say. I just - Of course, I know what to say. I'll quote The Simpsons, "So to end our course on monorails, Mano means one and rail means rail, any questions". Um, this course at the University of Washington explores -
- H** Heather Hill 20:04
(Cheers)
- B** Beth Oljar 20:04
Is it about monorails, which are trains to nowhere.
- M** Matt Mio 20:07
Exactly. This course at the University of Washington explores life on or from other planets in a structured interdisciplinary training. It's a graduate level course. What is it called?
- B** Beth Oljar 20:21
Not the one in Ethics and Public Policy then, presumably, that I taught
- M** Matt Mio 20:26
Mmm-mm

-  Stephen Manning 20:27
Huskies and - hmm.
-  James Tubbs 20:30
Cosmic Studies,
-  Beth Oljar 20:32
Huskies from Mars.
-  Matt Mio 20:34
You're specifically talking about life forms, though, so that
-  Heather Hill 20:37
Extraterrestrials?
-  Matt Mio 20:38
You're getting closer, Heather.
-  Dan Maggio 20:40
Is it a play on a movie title or something?
-  Matt Mio 20:42
No, it's actually kind of, uh -
-  Heather Hill 20:45
Alien?
-  Matt Mio 20:45
not really like a goofy name. It's just sort of like -

-  Dave Chow 20:48
What, like -
-  Mara Livezey 20:49
Aliens In Us.
-  Dave Chow 20:51
Like bacteria in your Starbucks coffee.
-  Matt Mio 20:55
No, it's Astrobiology is what it's called. Astrobiology. that really makes you think about the stars there.
-  Dave Chow 21:02
I'm thinking about the dog from The Jetsons so I mean -
-  Matt Mio 21:04
Jeff, those were pretty spectacular questions. Those were a lot of fun.
-  Stephen Manning 21:08
I was thinking of alien huskies, which would characterize our beast.
-  Beth Oljar 21:12
Your psycho dog beast.
-  Stephen Manning 21:15
Who's clearly from another planet.
-  Heather Hill 21:17
Pscho dog beast.

- M** Matt Mio 21:18
Right. So, you know, we have just enough time here professors for us to do our absolute classic. We have the - you remember our new version of our ATP favorites is called The Imponderables. This is from Frank Burroughs and his family, and they are interested in finding out our favorite regional food.
- S** Stephen Manning 21:40
Regional food.
- M** Matt Mio 21:41
Regional food.
- D** Dave Chow 21:43
Ooh, I got one.
- M** Mara Livezey 21:44
For this region?
- J** James Tubbs 21:45
Oh pasties
- M** Matt Mio 21:47
Pasties are good answer, but I don't think it has to be this region, Mara. It could be any region.
- S** Stephen Manning 21:51
Has to be the United States? or no,
- M** Matt Mio 21:53
No, probably not.

-  Dave Chow 21:55
I beg your pardon.
-  James Tubbs 21:57
Well, another one would be grits.
-  Matt Mio 22:00
Of course.
-  Dave Chow 22:00
Okay, I've got one. I don't know how well known it is, but a friend of mine has been asking me questions about almond boneless chicken. Once you leave Detroit, you're not gonna find it. So -
-  Matt Mio 22:13
That's right - ABC.
-  James Tubbs 22:14
I get that Wing Hong all the time.
-  Dave Chow 22:17
I know but again, go - ask your family down south see if they have Almond Boneless.
-  Beth Oljar 22:23
Fried chicken at Bene's.
-  Matt Mio 22:26
Fried chicken at Bene's. Yes, that sounds delicious.
-  Stephen Manning 22:29

Yeah.

- B** Beth Oljar 22:30
The Bene's there and the cafe au lait is really - You haven't really lived until you've done that. Plus, they're just so yummy.
- M** Matt Mio 22:38
Yeah. Who doesn't like fried dough? That's what I always say.
- B** Beth Oljar 22:42
I am a connoisseur of the fry-alator arts, (Group laughter) as Anthony Bourdain use like to say. So -
- M** Matt Mio 22:50
I love it.
- J** James Tubbs 22:51
(Laughing) The fry-alator arts.
- M** Matt Mio 22:52
I love it.
- J** James Tubbs 22:54
I'm a fan of the microwave arts.
- B** Beth Oljar 22:56
There you go.
- H** Heather Hill 22:58
How about Philadelphia Cheese Steaks?



Matt Mio 23:00

A Cheese Steak is a good one.



James Tubbs 23:01

Oh, yeah.



Matt Mio 23:02

Yeah. Absolutely.



Dave Chow 23:02

Have you guys been to Lefty's yet?



Dan Maggio 23:04

No.



Stephen Manning 23:04

No.



Dave Chow 23:06

Oh!



Dan Maggio 23:07

So - I'd probably say - so chicken shawarma being from around here. But if you went back to where I grew up, so in North Western Pennsylvania, they have ox roast, which is basically shaved like beef, but it's cooked in a special way. So you have ox roast sandwiches, those are delicious. And that's very regional to that area in the German immigrants that settled there. I know another one which I don't like at all. And it's not regional to me here. But Philadelphia's got that fried pork fat, uh -



Matt Mio 23:38

Scrapple



Dan Maggio 23:39

Scrapple. Yuck!



James Tubbs 23:43

There's a lot more to Scrapple than fried pork fat.



Matt Mio 23:47

I am surprised that I haven't heard it yet, not that I'm like admonishing all of you. But you know, being where we are, one of the very few places in the entire world to go south to get into Canada. I mean, I gotta say, I've been to Comerica Park twice. And a good old fashioned poutine, you know, fits the bill -



James Tubbs 24:03

I was wondering if you were going to say that.



Matt Mio 24:05

in all circumstances.



Dave Chow 24:06

Ohh!



Matt Mio 24:06

Comerica Park's got a \$12 poutine this season. And yeah, that's steep, but it was delicious.



James Tubbs 24:12

Yeah, there's enough carbs and grease to last you the rest of your life.





Dave Chow 24:17


That's goodness. We don't look at it as carbs and grease. That's a national fruit - in Canada.


- M** Matt Mio 24:21
I'd just like to say that, um - I may or may not have still been recovering from COVID when I went and got that poutine on a chilly Tigers game, and my wife looked right at me going, "You can't taste any of that. Can you?" And I go "I don't care. It just has a homey feeling."
- J** James Tubbs 24:38
Yeah. If it's a cold enough day, you know, it - It helps.
- D** Dave Chow 24:42
Poutine is for the soul. It's not for the stomach.
- M** Matt Mio 24:44
That's right. That's right.
- M** Mara Livezey 24:46
I'm torn between two like polar opposites. Regional to Michigan, saying like - nothing beats a good Coney dog. But when I was in Boston last, I had this like great lobster roll.
- D** Dave Chow 24:58
Ohh!
- M** Mara Livezey 25:00
Like the real sandwiches and they're equally good, just very different.
- J** James Tubbs 25:04
Hmm. Very different. Yeah.
- D** Dan Maggio 25:06
So to get - um, I am in no way an expert on lobster rolls, but when I do go to New Hampshire and it's in the summer, we drive to the Atlantic Coast. So where New Hampshire meets Maine, there's the coastal road and there are many roadside stands


that just specialize in just like lobster. Like, like 10 for \$1. You can get a lobster; and lobster rolls, and they are just fantastic. They're -

 Heather Hill 25:34
Do you do Lobster Fest?


 Dan Maggio 25:36
I'll do Lobster Fest.


 Dave Chow 25:38
Hey, Matt. There's a place in Maine that I order live lobster from.


 Dan Maggio 25:42
Hmm.

 Matt Mio 25:42
Oh, my gosh!

 Dave Chow 25:43
They will ship it here overnight, and they will still be alive.

 Heather Hill 25:46
Yeah, my parents actually sent us a whole lobster dinner from Maine for Christmas. That was our -

 Dave Chow 25:52
Oh!

 Heather Hill 25:53
it was incredible.



Dave Chow 25:54

Isn't it? That is the best.



Heather Hill 25:56

Yeah. And they were still alive and kicking.



Dave Chow 25:59

I still remember when we came back from Maine that one time. I remember Marcy went over to the - to get the luggage. I said "ain't nobody gonna care about my dirty underwear. Where are the live lobsters?" (Laughs) So, yeah, I just made sure I got the lobsters. I could care less about my luggage - but we brought home like 11 live lobsters.



Dave Chow 25:59

Yeah.



Mara Livezey 25:59

Wow.



Matt Mio 26:17

This is just about as lively a response to the Imponderable question as we've seen since we got this list.



Dave Chow 26:22

It's about food!



Matt Mio 26:23

This is great.



Heather Hill 26:24

We haven't heard from Dr. Manning.

- S** Stephen Manning 26:27
Well, lobsters - it reminded me - when I lived in Brunswick, when I was teaching at Bowden in the summertime, they would - I think the two husbands were lobstermen. And they would bring the catch in, and they would put it in the back of a pickup truck that they had fashioned with saltwater in the truck.
- D** Dave Chow 26:46
Yep.
- S** Stephen Manning 26:47
and pumped all the lobsters in there and then drove to the town square. This is a small, tiny town The only thing that there is Bowden. They drive to the town square. And their wives would sell these lobsters right out of the, the - the pool, and they were - at some point they were down to, you know, \$2 a pound.
- D** Dave Chow 27:04
Oh!
- S** Stephen Manning 27:04
I mean, limited quantity.
- B** Beth Oljar 27:06
Wow.
- D** Dave Chow 27:06
I was waiting to hear - to hear like they were heating the butter on the manifold or something like that.
- S** Stephen Manning 27:11
You'd start to butter heating at the apartment before you went downtown to get the lobsters, so the butter was ready when you got back. I would also add to that list, a regional specialty - because I'm from New England as well. I think it's route one, the

coastal road in the East Coast. Fried clam places. I had so many fried clams when I was a kid because they're plentiful and cheap. Now they're so expensive. My brother who lives in Phoenix sometimes orders them by mail. And I think we had them - last year when we were out there we had them, the last time we were out there. He had ordered some. We had - We had a whole bunch of fried clams. Delicious.



Matt Mio 27:50

Nice. We've covered a lot of ground here for absolute sure. But I'm afraid the time has come for us all to say goodbye, Dan.



Dan Maggio 28:01

Goodbye,



Matt Mio 28:01

Stephen.



Stephen Manning 28:02

Bye.



Matt Mio 28:03

Heather



Heather Hill 28:04

Bye



Matt Mio 28:05

Mara.



Mara Livezey 28:06

See ya.

M Matt Mio 28:07
Beth,

B Beth Oljar 28:08
bye

M Matt Mio 28:08
Dave

D Dave Chow 28:09
See ya.

M Matt Mio 28:10
and Jim.

J James Tubbs 28:11
Goodbye.

M Matt Mio 28:12
And now these words -

J James Tubbs 28:14

M Michael Jayson 28:14
You can email Ask The Professor at ATP at UDMercy.edu or visit the Ask The Professor Facebook page.

M Matt Mio 28:23
Ask The Professor is produced and directed by Michael Jayson and Brian Maisonville, and our executive producer is Professor Jason Roche. Until next week. I'm your host Matt Mio.

