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SPEAKERS

Beth Oljar, Jeffe Boats, Stephen Manning, Mara Livezey, Announcer, Dan Maggio, Diane Manica, Michael Jayson, Matt Mio, Dave Chow, Erin McDonald

- M** Matt Mio 00:00
The University tower chimes ring in 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, aet me introduce to you our panel for today. It's professor Dave Chow.
- D** Dave Chow 00:18
Pleasure to be here, as always.
- M** Matt Mio 00:19
You were very diligent. I see the top of your head. It's like that means you're drawing or writing things down -
- D** Dave Chow 00:25
or filling out the you know, the timesheets for the show.
- M** Matt Mio 00:28
Exactly.
- D** Dave Chow 00:28
so I build another mound that I will drop off with you to hand over to Michael eventually.

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M Matt Mio 00:34

That's right. That's exactly right. Still haven't brought that envelope over to Michael. But sooner or later

D Dave Chow 00:38

Oh, really? Geez, that thing's like, what - a foot thick now, isn't?

M Matt Mio 00:42

It is. There's a lot of papers in there - a lot of papers.

D Dave Chow 00:45

That's like a small tree.

M Matt Mio 00:46

Yep. Professor Stephen Manning is here with us today. What's going on?

S Stephen Manning 00:50

Ahhh - Not much. I had to stop and think. I was on the phone for an hour with the insurance company today.

M Matt Mio 01:01

Well, that's pleasant.

S Stephen Manning 01:03

Terrible. It's terrible.

B Beth Oljar 01:04

Yeah, of course,

- S** Stephen Manning 01:06
It's terrible getting answers for simple things. Can I do this? Yes or no? Just tell me.
- B** Beth Oljar 01:12
Well, we don't actually have a health care system in America. That's probably why there's difficulty getting answers to simple things.
- M** Matt Mio 01:22
(Laughing) And those are the uplifting words of Professor Beth Oljar.
- B** Beth Oljar 01:27
Well, at least connected to my last remark - because you know, one of the reasons we don't have health care system is because rich people and corporations would have to pay taxes. And we can't have that.
- M** Matt Mio 01:37
God forbid,
- B** Beth Oljar 01:38
Yeah. Or at least too much. Right? They can't pay too much.
- M** Matt Mio 01:42
Yeah. I don't even know what to say. Yeah. Let's see how these questions go before we go dive deeper into that. Yes. Professor Mara Livesey is here. She's okay. Everybody. She's okay.
- M** Mara Livezey 01:55
I am okay, everybody. Just, you know, I have Dave's amazing students renovating the kitchen, and it's gonna be great.
- M** Matt Mio 02:04
That's cool. That is totally cool. There is something about living in your own home while the kitchen is being renovated - it's like one of the top horrible things that can happen. But when it's done it's just gonna be so wonderful

it's done, it's just gonna be so wonderful.

M Mara Livezey 02:19

It will be. The day that we didn't have a sink or water was kind of odd. But once the plumbing was finished, and we have a sink and water -

M Matt Mio 02:27

Yeah,

M Mara Livezey 02:27

things are better.

M Matt Mio 02:28

There you go.

D Dave Chow 02:29

Yikes

J Jeffe Boats 02:30

You've got a look at it as an excuse to order pizza, right? You're not being lazy now, just order all the pizza you want.

M Matt Mio 02:36

This is necessity.

M Mara Livezey 02:37

It's so unfortunate - I have to order food every day this week, and not cook.

M Matt Mio 02:43

This is the original wisdom of Professor Jeffe Boats.

J Jeffe Boats 02:47
How's it going?

M Matt Mio 02:48
Pretty good. How you doing, Jeffe?

J Jeffe Boats 02:49
Not too bad, better than the last couple of weeks.

M Matt Mio 02:52
That's right. That's right. We're all thinking about you. And - as you, uh, question mark, do your patriotic duty by contracting a virus, like I don't know what to say.

J Jeffe Boats 03:02
(Laughs) I didn't feel patriotic, but rather American.

M Matt Mio 03:07
I'm sure that you did not. That leaves us, last but not least for the moment with Professor Dan Maggio here with us today. Super excited. Of course, as I always bring up about the Olympic Curling

D Dan Maggio 03:21
Oh, we I watched it the past couple nights.

M Matt Mio 03:23
Super exciting.

D Dan Maggio 03:24
So, have all of you been watching curling?

S Stephen Manning 03:27

I saw in the paper that we've lost twice.

D Dan Maggio 03:30

I did actually - I think I saw an American game, I saw the Italians seem to be on a lot, which is alright.

J Jeffe Boats 03:36

I've seen all the American games and they're throwing pretty well, but I'm a little disappointed with Chris Plys's decision making. I think his strategy has been better in the past.

M Matt Mio 03:45

Uh oh, here we go. Winter Olympics. I mean, this is some kind of corridor of professional sports. This is gonna be a busy couple of weeks here, you know.

D Dan Maggio 03:56

And you can give a short answer to this, but how is your house coming, Matt?

M Matt Mio 03:59

It's a long story. And there's two stories to that long story.

D Dan Maggio 04:04

All right. Well, then, I'll look forward to hearing the long story sometime.

M Matt Mio 04:07

There will be much - you know - garden party-ige once everything is taken care of. It's sort of like Mara's kitchen, but it's every room - instead of just the kitchen.

M Mara Livezey 04:18

Yeah.

D Dave Chow 04:18

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Stately Mio Manner will go up eventually. That's all

D Dave Chow 04:21

That's right. Long distance joining us, it's Professor Diane Manica, back from retirement. It's not like you're coming back to teach, but we're glad to have you here after having been such a long time panelist.

D Diane Manica 04:21

I don't have time to teach anymore.

M Matt Mio 04:37

You're busy. You're golfing a lot.

D Diane Manica 04:39

(Laughs) I am too busy. But it's nice to be back and see everybody again. Thank you.

M Matt Mio 04:45

Yes. Thanks for joining us, Diane.

B Beth Oljar 04:47

It's good to see you.

M Matt Mio 04:49

And, of course, we are joined by our guest panelist sister Erin McDonald. She says that she doesn't know the answers to the questions, but I think she knows more than she's letting on.

E Erin McDonald 04:58

Yeah, I just don't want to show you all too much. That's all. I'm trying to work my way slowly into the next edition of Nuns Having Fun here. I just want you to know, I found that there's a chapter here that is Nuns Riding Motorcycles and they're called Heaven's Angels.

D Diane Manica 05:13

I love it!

M Matt Mio 05:15
Oh my gosh.

M Matt Mio 05:16
Yeah.

E Erin McDonald 05:17
I'm aiming to top this chapter here. This is how it ends here. This is the ending.

B Beth Oljar 05:22
This is a high bar, I think.

E Erin McDonald 05:24
Yeah.

M Matt Mio 05:25
Well, folks, as per usual, this is a program where you could send us questions regarding anything. It's been a while since we've had a set of questions regarding nuns or sisters.

E Erin McDonald 05:34
Come on people.

M Matt Mio 05:35
If you stump the panel, you win one of the prizes. You can send us the questions in a number of ways. You can email us at ATP@UDMercy.edu. Find us on Facebook and Instagram - as long as their stock is still up or listen on your favorite smart speaker by asking it to play Ask The Professor at University of Detroit Mercy. We have a set of questions "Dear panelists: Ordinarily I'd send in questions regarding TV and film, but this time around, I figured the topic of Classic Games would be appropriate for your show, seeing how panelists definitely like to play games". We do. We do like to play games.

D Dave Chow 06:13
Tug of War, (laughs)

M Matt Mio 06:15
Atlantic is the other one. You all freak me out pretty much constantly. Wow.

M Matt Mio 06:15
Monopoly, right, the game that's just sort of like "This sounds like the greatest idea ever" until 30 seconds into playing and then it's just like everything goes to heck.

M Matt Mio 06:15
"Enjoy the following questions. And I'll defer to Professor Mio's astute judgment as to what he deems worthy of a passing grade." The bar is fluctuating during the pandemic, But let's just say 10 out of 10. Okay, here we go. Let's see what we can do.

M Mara Livezey 06:29
Okay.

M Matt Mio 06:30
"Regards" Julie Elder, our longtime question sender from Poughkeepsie, New York. Thank you for sending these in, Julie. That's great. Ah, I just love where it starts. It's an obvious thing, but you're probably gonna have to scratch your head a little bit. What are the names of the three yellow properties on the board game Monopoly?

M Matt Mio 06:42
Little side note about our next question because it's kind of cool. Do you know what the British equivalent of the American board game known as CLUE is - what the Brits call it?

S Stephen Manning 06:51
Marvin Gardens.

D Dave Chow 06:52
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ventnor.

M Matt Mio 06:54
Marvin Gardens and Ventnor Avenue are correct.

D Dave Chow 06:58
And Atlantic.

M Mara Livezey 07:03
Wow.

D Dave Chow 07:05
It's blood money at this point.

J Jeffe Boats 07:27
CLUEDO. Isn't it?

M Matt Mio 07:28
They call it Cluedo. Yes, they call it Cluedo. And this is a question about Cluedo. Of the 11 rooms that are on an American CLUE board game, Mr. Boddy's mansion, right, two of the rooms were eliminated because they're not really into British culture. What two rooms were eliminated for Cluedo

E Erin McDonald 07:50
the bathroom. (Dave laughs)

M Matt Mio 07:53
No, the bathroom is still there. No.

E Erin McDonald 07:58
The Basement.

E Erin McDonald 08:01
Oh, I'm giving I'm giving this one to Sister Erin. One of them is the cellar, and so that - I heard basement, we're pushing forward.

E Erin McDonald 08:07
Okay. Heaven's Angels - here I come

M Matt Mio 08:11
Um, without being too heavy handed. There's a room that you would expect to see in an American version of the game and probably not so much in a British version.

E Erin McDonald 08:25
Bedroom.

M Mara Livezey 08:26
Yeah, the bedroom. Yeah.

D Dave Chow 08:27
The Diane Manica driving range. (Diane laughs)


E Erin McDonald 08:31
The garage?


M Matt Mio 08:31
No.


D Dan Maggio 08:32
I was gonna say garage.

M Matt Mio 08:33


 Matt Mio 08:33
No


 Jeffe Boats 08:34
The football watching Man Cave room.


 Beth Oljar 08:36
Yeah.


 Matt Mio 08:37
You're getting closer, but still not there.


 Beth Oljar 08:39
Something like TV room. I was going there too

 Mara Livezey 08:43
like the game room?

 Diane Manica 08:44
Rec room?

 Mara Livezey 08:46
Yeah,

 Matt Mio 08:46
Getting closer.

 Dan Maggio 08:48
I can't even remember the 11 rooms in an American version.



D Dave Chow 08:51
Yeah, the pleasure pit.

M Matt Mio 08:55
I'm gonna call this one.

M Mara Livezey 08:56
The dungeon,

M Matt Mio 08:58
mostly because I'm afraid of what you're gonna say next. But I'm gonna make the call on this one. The original version of Clue had a gun room

B Beth Oljar 09:07
Of course.

D Dave Chow 09:07
What?

M Mara Livezey 09:10
What?

B Beth Oljar 09:11
Cuz it wouldn't be America -

E Erin McDonald 09:13
Yeah, That's like the Texas version.

M Matt Mio 09:16
That's just the American version.

B Beth Oljar 09:17
How come you couldn't shoot people in Monopoly? That would have been an interesting addition. (Professors laugh) It's so American, right, we'll just combine making money with - you know - shooting people.

E Erin McDonald 09:29
Well, maybe the game wouldn't have been as long if you had that rule. I bet.

B Beth Oljar 09:32
See, that would have been a plus. That would have been an advantage.

M Matt Mio 09:36
Yeah, I can see it now. Community Chest: Draw three bullets. I mean - (Diane laughs)

E Erin McDonald 09:41
it could be like a dual, like two characters have to have a dual.

B Beth Oljar 09:46
The Show and The House will duke it out, right.

M Matt Mio 09:51
Professors the Finns of Finland call this game Kimball. The British call it Frustration. What do Americans call it?

E Erin McDonald 10:02
Work?

M Matt Mio 10:04
Did I hear "work"?



J Jeffe Boats 10:06
Sorry.

B Beth Oljar 10:08
Sorry? No?

J Jeffe Boats 10:09
No, not Sorry.

M Matt Mio 10:11
I could give it away pretty easily, because it's the classic board game innovation.

M Mara Livezey 10:11
Not Sorry.

D Dave Chow 10:17
The Popo'matic. Something with a Popo'matic?

M Matt Mio 10:20
The Popo'matic. Yes.

B Beth Oljar 10:23
Okay, right. I remember that.

D Dave Chow 10:26
What was it TROUBLE?

M Matt Mio 10:27
TROUBLE is the name of the game? Yes.

B Beth Oljar 10:30
That was it.

D Dave Chow 10:32
Now, was TROUBLE - was that the one with the little cones where you stack on top of one other? Was that it, or -

M Matt Mio 10:37
TROUBLE was basically SORRY, but everything was self contained - because the Popo'matic helps you pop the dice, right?

D Dave Chow 10:45
I can't remember that one.


D Dave Chow 10:46
And I can't let the word Trouble go by without saying a quote, which now I realize after hearing in one of the more recent Marvel movies I need to have framed and put in the chairs office in our department, "Nothing lasts forever. Trouble, Miss Romanov. No matter who wins or loses. Trouble always comes round". That's all I can say.

B Beth Oljar 11:08
Is it somebody saying that the Black Widow, Scarlett Johansens character?


M Matt Mio 11:13
Nick Fury and Black Widow. That's right.


B Beth Oljar 11:16
Okay.

M Matt Mio 11:17
Professors. According to The Toy Industry Association, the most popular toy of the 1940s was a board game - one that I guarantee every single one of you has played at least once. What is it?

 Diane Manica 11:29
Checkers


 Matt Mio 11:30
No.

 Mara Livezey 11:32
Chutes and Ladders?


 Matt Mio 11:33
Nope.

 Beth Oljar 11:34
Candy Land.

 Matt Mio 11:36
Candy Land Yes.

 Mara Livezey 11:37
That's the one

 Erin McDonald 11:39
In the 40s - they were playing Candyland during World War Two?

 Matt Mio 11:42
Yeah, they were.

 Matt Mio 11:43
Well, lots of Tootsie Rolls. That's all.

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Beth Oljar 11:45

Well, you know, sugar may have been rationed, actually. One of the few things that - I'm not sure, but you know, you could think about fake sweets, right?

J

Jeffe Boats 11:55

A lot of the classic pictures of candy and that looked like grandma's cupboard. So that could be the reason.

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Beth Oljar 12:00

Yeah,

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Matt Mio 12:00

Yeah. I'm only speaking personally here, professors; but this board game caught on like wildfire in the 90s in the early 2000s. It just doesn't seem to be around much anymore. What game was billed as the game for your whole brain?

J

Jeffe Boats 12:16

Cranium.

M

Matt Mio 12:17

Cranium was the name of it. Yes

M

Mara Livezey 12:19

Oh, I love Cranium.

M

Matt Mio 12:21

Yeah, Cranium is a fun game, but I just - I haven't seen it around that much anymore. I don't know.

B

Beth Oljar 12:26

Trivial Pursuit is a fun game too.

M Matt Mio 12:28
Yeah. It's the sort of thing that I think all the listeners think we do in our spare time. Oh, we're not recording a podcast about trivia. Let's play a trivia game.

D Dave Chow 12:37
Oh, like we have spare time.

M Matt Mio 12:38
(Laughs) Who was the host for the TV game show that was based on Pictionary. Just to be clear. I'm not talking about Win Lose or Draw. There was a TV game show called Pictionary, who was the host?

D Dave Chow 12:54
Wait a minute - So it wasn't Bert Convy.

M Matt Mio 12:56
It wasn't Bert Convy.

B Beth Oljar 12:57
He was kind of handsome.

J Jeffe Boats 13:00
Was it like Drew Carey. Somebody more modern.

M Matt Mio 13:03
How about I go - This is a classic like, triple threat kind of producer, director, actor. And he was the dad in Growing Pains.

D Dan Maggio 13:16
Oh, Alan Thicke?

M Matt Mio 13:18
Yeah, it was Alan Thicke, Diane and Dan kind of put it together. Alan Thicke was the host of Pictionary.

D Dave Chow 13:25
Sorry, I was going Michael Gross, but that was Family Ties.

M Matt Mio 13:28
That was Family Ties.

D Dave Chow 13:29
Okay. My bad.

M Matt Mio 13:30
Remember - our last show where we found out that Michael Gross was a rejected actor to play Doc Brown in Back to the Future and all of us were like, "that wouldn't have worked at all".
Okay,

D Dave Chow 13:40
No.

D Dan Maggio 13:40
Not at all.

M Matt Mio 13:43
Professors: What kind of wood are the pieces of Jenga made out of? Hmm.

D Dan Maggio 13:49
Pine?

M Matt Mio 13:51
Not pine

S Stephen Manning 13:51
Mahogany. (The professors laugh)

B Beth Oljar 13:54
That'd be pretty expensive. Acacia? Is it acacia?

M Matt Mio 13:58
No.

J Jeffe Boats 14:00
Birch, (laughs)

M Matt Mio 14:02
Um, how about I go right to the heart of the Harry Potter fans, and say the wood that was used to make the most powerful wand ever was -

M Mara Livezey 14:13
Elder.

M Matt Mio 14:13
Yes, Elder

D Dan Maggio 14:13
Is that a real wood?

M Matt Mio 14:17
Yeah, it is.

M Mara Livezey 14:18
I guess so.

D Dan Maggio 14:18
I didn't know that.

M Matt Mio 14:20
And inside every Jenga block is a dragon heartstring

B Beth Oljar 14:26
Wow, that's impressive.

M Matt Mio 14:27
For the longest time, the world champions of this classic board game - so think more in the checkers chess area less in the Candyland area. For the longest time the world champions in this classic board game have all been Japanese. What board game is this?

D Dan Maggio 14:46
GO

M Matt Mio 14:48
No, it's not GO. It's not.

D Dan Maggio 14:50
Othello?

M Matt Mio 14:52
It's Othello. Yeah. Dan hit it. It's Othello. Yeah.

D Dave Chew 14:55

D Dave Chow 14:55

Okay, I was gonna go with Nuns Playing Tug of War. (Matt laughs)

E Erin McDonald 14:59

Hey. That's the next question, I'm sure of it. And the answer would be either Sisters of Mercy or Sisters of St. Joseph.

M Matt Mio 15:07

That's right. Exactly. This is the end of these questions from Julie Elder. Ooh, I'm seeing a cross over there.

D Dave Chow 15:14

Oh, okay.

M Matt Mio 15:15

And thank you for sending them in Julie. Pretty straightforward - See if you can do it. There's a game that has four characters that not many people know the names of the four characters. Those characters are named Happy, Henry, Homer and Harry. What board game is it?

M Michael Jayson 15:35

The Hungry Hippos?

M Matt Mio 15:37

It's the Hungry Hungry Hippos.

M Mara Livezey 15:40

Oh my gosh!

D Dave Chow 15:41

They had names?

M Matt Mio 15:42

They had names.

B

Beth Oljar 15:42

Way to go, Michael.

M

Mara Livezey 15:44

Who knew?

M

Matt Mio 15:45

Oh, my gosh, thanks for sending those in. That was awesome.

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Announcer 15:50

You're listening to Ask The Professor from University of Detroit Mercy. 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.

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Matt Mio 16:08

Hey, professors, I always come with some spare questions here. And we've got a ton that our students sent in last fall. "Dear professors, here's a list of questions about the geography of the United States. A passing grade is seven out of 10." I love it. These were all in Jason Roche, our wonderful executive producer's class last semester. These were sent in by Julia Croha. Julia Croha. Okay. Let's see if we can do this just an eensy weensy bit rapid fire. How many United States share a border with the country of Mexico?

D

Dave Chow 16:43

Four.

M

Matt Mio 16:44

It's four. How do you know that off the top of your head?

D

Dave Chow 16:47

I vaguely remember the map in the recording studio.

M Mara Livezey 16:52
Typical.

D Dave Chow 16:53
Yeah. Right now we'd all be looking up; or for those of us with our back turned, we'd be chiropractic disasters.

B Beth Oljar 16:59
Texas, New Mexico -

D Dan Maggio 17:01
Arizona, California,

M Mara Livezey 17:03
California.

B Beth Oljar 17:04
Okay.

M Matt Mio 17:05
I'm looking in a vaguely Manica-esque direction when I say "what states are at the four corners?"

M Mara Livezey 17:15
Colorado,

E Erin McDonald 17:17
Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada.

M Matt Mio 17:21

Ohhh!

M Matt Mio 17:22
Sister Erin got the first three, but it's not Nevada.

J Jeffe Boats 17:25
Utah. Right?

M Matt Mio 17:26
Utah.

M Mara Livezey 17:26
Utah.

B Beth Oljar 17:27
Ah, Okay. But that's 75% of a full point, Sister Erin. You're all set.

D Dan Maggio 17:33
We get credit.

E Erin McDonald 17:33
It's a passing grade!

B Beth Oljar 17:34
It played a significant role in Breaking Bad.

M Matt Mio 17:38
Absolutely. What state has the nickname Land Of A Thousand Lakes?

M Matt Mio 17:44

Yeah. Even though of course, Minnesota has over 20,000 lakes. And the great state of Michigan, of course, has a few big ones, but also has 15,000 lakes. So yeah. So it's all a matter of relativity here. Goes back to a question we had in our last show. The question that's listed here is "What is the tallest mountain in the US?" but I'm going to tweak the question just a little bit. What is the colonialist name of the tallest mountain in the United States?

D Dave Chow 17:44
Minnesota.

D Dave Chow 17:51
McKinley? Denali?

M Matt Mio 18:14
Mount McKinley. Yes, we call it Denali - now - going back to its indigenous moniker, yes. Can't just name something after your boss to see if you can brown nose a little bit. You know, it's got to do better than that.

D Dave Chow 18:33
What are you talking about? When you had your house built, I christened it Mount Mio over there. I mean. (Matt laughs) And then they leveled that. Now you know, Mio Manner sits over there. That's all.

M Matt Mio 18:43
I'm not sure that we have ever had this question before. This is a great question. There was only one state of the United States that is not Alaska or Hawaii, (the freak states), that borders only one other state. One state only borders one other state. What is it?

M Mara Livezey 19:05
Only one?

B Beth Oljar 19:06
Maine?

M Matt Mio 19:07

M Matt Mio 19:07
You got it, Beth? It's Maine.

M Mara Livezey 19:09
Oh, Yeah, good one.

M Matt Mio 19:10
That's awesome.

B Beth Oljar 19:11
Well, It does kind of stick up there out of the, you know, eastern half of the United States.

M Mara Livezey 19:17
In the middle of nowhere.

M Matt Mio 19:18
Yeah. Yeah. Absolutely. Based on population density and overall number, what state is the least populated?

M Matt Mio 19:28
Wyoming or Montana

M Matt Mio 19:30
It's Wyoming. Yeah. Wyoming. Don't bother visiting there, if you're a candidate. It's just not worth your while. You're not going to be exposed to enough people you know, etc. Which two states share borders with a total of eight states.

M Mara Livezey 19:49
Oh!

M Matt Mio 19:50
That's a big number.

J **Jeffe Boats** 19:52
Tennessee, for sure.

M **Matt Mio** 19:53
Tennessee is one of them.

J **Jeffe Boats** 19:55
And Missouri?

M **Matt Mio** 19:57
Missouri is the other one. Jeffe just goes Bing - Boom.

M **Mara Livezey** 19:59
Dang, Jeffe.

M **Matt Mio** 20:00
Yeah, that's awesome.

E **Erin McDonald** 20:04
West Virginia.

B **Beth Oljar** 20:05
Yeah, I was thinking that too.

D **Dave Chow** 20:07
Yeah.

M **Matt Mio** 20:08
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Yep. We have Tennessee and Missouri. We got it. There was a very interesting little YouTube that I saw the other day. I couldn't help myself, Erin. It was "Why after the Civil War, West Virginia refused to reemerge with Virginia to remake the original state. It's a quite an interesting story. They're like, "Screw you guys. The end."

B Beth Oljar 20:31

I like the "We're not actually traitors to our country" is actually the way to go. What a great answer.

M Matt Mio 20:41

I guess I have to ask this one out loud, but it's on par with some of the worst dad jokes that I tell my students a couple times a week. Thank you, Julia. For "Professors. Juno the capital of Alaska?" Okay, I'm moving on from there.

B Beth Oljar 20:57

Ah!

D Dave Chow 20:59

Where's my hemlock?

B Beth Oljar 21:00

That is not a good way to die. Trust me, Socrates would say so if he were still here.

M Matt Mio 21:06

Doesn't doesn't sound like fun definitely does not sound like fun. Professors are what number of US states touch a part of the Atlantic Ocean? Ah, 1414 is exactly correct. A minute why it's very good. And there it is right there. Impressive. Absolutely. That is awesome. That is awesome. Yeah. Yeah, we have our new chapter, if only Ken Jennings were here. And I don't say that because of the whole Jeopardy thing. He actually is. He refers to himself as a map head. The way he learned geography was like by reading maps when he was a kid, and I did that a little bit when I was a kid. And also I didn't win \$20 million in jeopardy, so we don't have anything in common. A Michigander might accidentally say that Lake Superior is the deepest lake in the United States, but it's not what is Crater Lake in Oregon's Crater Lake. Yes. That's exactly right. Very well done. Very well done. Awesome. Geography profs. You know what it means when we have a couple minutes left, and I start flipping through my papers here it's time for us to go to the family Burroughs list of Professor imponderables, imponderables, the questions where we ask for a favorite or a special story from all the prompts on the panel. And I'm going to go down the list a little bit here. Let's see Oh, man, jumping around and jumping

around just a little bit. I don't even know how you want to answer a question like this. But what's your favorite decade? Either your favorite decade just to talk about or remembering specifically having lived through it? Or maybe you just have a decade you didn't live through that you think is kind of cool.

S

Stephen Manning 22:59

Find is the one that the Republicans hate the 60s?

M

Matt Mio 23:03

The 60s? There we go.

B

Beth Oljar 23:06

If you remember it, you didn't live through it? Yeah. Um, the decades I've lived myself, I guess I would say the 70s because at least we got some fabulous music. It's true. But if it was a decade I didn't live through, I guess, the 60s Or maybe the 1940s.

M

Matt Mio 23:29

Okay, interesting. I'm interested Beth, why do you say the 40s?

B

Beth Oljar 23:35

Well, not because war is such a great I mean, well, we actually were fighting just one but the clothes and the music. And you know, I mean, sure men dressed in a really classy way in the 1930s and 40s, and had great hats. Women had these beautiful suits. I mean, yeah.

M

Matt Mio 23:57

I'm getting actually just a little bit there of Captain America vibe from you, Beth, so I'm giving that a big thumbs up. Yeah, absolutely. Dave.

D

Dave Chow 24:07

I think I'm gonna have to go with the 80s, just because that's when I graduated high school and graduated college.

D

Dave Chow 24:12

So I became - I grew up - sort of - supposedly - legally. Yeah, yeah. Legally, I became a man,

but maturity wise I think I devolved into an ape, So it's all good.

M Matt Mio 24:12
Sure.

S Stephen Manning 24:28
Chronologically, anyway.

D Dave Chow 24:29
Yes, exactly. So if you cut me in half and count the rings, I'm okay, so -

M Matt Mio 24:34
Dan, it looks like you're cogitating.

D Dan Maggio 24:37
I'm gonna go 70s

M Matt Mio 24:39
70s?

D Dan Maggio 24:39
I mean, there are some things about the 90s I liked; nothing pop culture related, but (laughs) I say 70's

M Matt Mio 24:47
Sure.

M Mara Livezey 24:49
I'm at a major disadvantage here, because I can only choose from the 90's, the 2000's or the 2010's, and none of those are very good.

M Matt Mio 24:58
Well, you know, you could choose the 2020's and it's an unfinished story.

M Mara Livezey 25:03
Oh 2020s

B Beth Oljar 25:04
What historical decade, sort of most intrigues you? Right? or appeals to you?

M Mara Livezey 25:10
I wish I would have been alive in the 60s. For sure. I would have chosen that decade.

M Matt Mio 25:16
I was gonna say something like, just pick your favorite Spotify channel. But now that you can't listen to half the music, it's like,

J Jeffe Boats 25:23
I'd say for music, it would be the 80s. But the one I'd want to live most in is about 530 BC. I'd be a Pythagorean.

M Mara Livezey 25:31
Nice.

M Matt Mio 25:32
There we go. All right

J Jeffe Boats 25:34
It'd be worth giving up meat for all that wisdom.

B Beth Oljar 25:36

Yes. That's always a favorite question for my students. Like, you guys do realize that the Pythagorean Theorem would be true even if Pythagoras had never discovered it.

J Jeffe Boats 25:46

Well, Pythagoras didn't discover it.

B Beth Oljar 25:48

oh, well, see -

J Jeffe Boats 25:49

It was at least 1000 years before that.

B Beth Oljar 25:51

That does not surprise me.

J Jeffe Boats 25:53

Everyone else can call it the Pythagorean Theorem because Eurocentrism. Whoo!

B Beth Oljar 25:57

I'm not surprised. I'm not surprised. Well, we make up mathematical truths, my students tell me. I'm like, what universe do you live in? Not? I'm sorry. We, you know,

S Stephen Manning 26:08

Those are the ones who think we own the moon.

B Beth Oljar 26:11

Probably like, so "we can make two plus two equal five, if we all just agree", you know that that's how it worked.

M Matt Mio 26:19

There was a book written about that.

D Diane Manica 26:20
As I said earlier, I would choose the 60s again.

D Dave Chow 26:25
Awww

M Mara Livezey 26:25
Nice.

M Matt Mio 26:25
That's good.

D Diane Manica 26:26
That was just a real favorite time of mine. I loved the music. And I came out of grade school and the high school, graduated high school, went to my first big parties and dances.

D Dave Chow 26:37
You animal, you, you animal.

D Diane Manica 26:39
I know.

S Stephen Manning 26:40
By the way, you were talking about decades. I'm just reading a review. I'm not recommending it. I just read the review of a new book by Chuck Klosterman about the 90s.

M Matt Mio 26:49
Okay,

M ...

S Stephen Manning 26:49

A whole book about the 90s. I mean, the culture, and the music and films and stuff. For any of you who chose the 90s.

M Matt Mio 26:57

We haven't heard from Erin.

E Erin McDonald 26:58

I would probably say for a time period I've lived in, I would go with - not terribly eventful - but like the 2000s - like back in the early 2000s was when I graduated from college, my first job and like traveling and doing cool stuff. I was super active volunteer for the Obama campaign. So like his election was really huge for me at the time, I was living in West Virginia, which also made it more enormous of an experience. So that personally; and if I had to think of a time, historical time, what first popped into my mind was ancient Egypt, and I think that's just a cool time. I'm not really sure if I would have wanted to live at that time period. But it just was a fascinating part of history. So that's just the first thing that came to mind.

M Matt Mio 27:46

Professors, The time has come to say goodbye - Dave.

D Dave Chow 27:51

See ya

M Matt Mio 27:51

Erin

E Erin McDonald 27:53


Bye


M Matt Mio 27:53

Stephen


S Stephen Manning 27:54


See va


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 Matt Mio 27:55
Beth.

 Beth Oljar 27:56
Bye


 Matt Mio 27:57
Diane.

 Diane Manica 27:58
See ya' again,

 Matt Mio 27:59
Mara.

 Mara Livezey 28:00
Goodbye

 Matt Mio 28:01
Jeffe.

 Jeffe Boats 28:02
Call this number.

 Matt Mio 28:03
And Dan

 Dan Maggio 28:04

Goodbye



Matt Mio 28:05

And now these words,



Announcer 28:06

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Matt Mio 28:15

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