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- M** Matt Mio 00:02
The University tower chimes ring in another session of Ask the Professor, the show in 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. All the way at the bottom. Jim Tubbs. It's good to see you, Jim.
- J** James Tubbs 00:21
Hello.
- M** Matt Mio 00:22
What's shakin, Jim?
- J** James Tubbs 00:24
Oh, well, things are going well here at the bottom.
- M** Matt Mio 00:26
(Laughs) You always look so stately in that chair. You always look totally relaxed.
- J** James Tubbs 00:33
I'm comfortable in this chair.

D Dave Chow 00:35
I'll Photoshop the crown in again, if you want, Jim.

M Matt Mio 00:39
I know. It really is. It's quite a - quite a stately chair. It's almost a throne. It really is. Everything going well though, Jim?

J James Tubbs 00:47
So far, so good. Yep. I'm glad that it's finally going to actually be warm.

J James Tubbs 00:52
Hank, We have had extended chilly weather here until like today, but it's gonna be in the 70s over the weekend, I think.

M Matt Mio 00:52
Right.

M Matt Mio 01:00
That's right. We did have three inches of snow on Tuesday.

J James Tubbs 01:04
Yes, we did.

D Dave Chow 01:05
Sissy stuff.

M Matt Mio 01:06
Yeah. There were a lot of people in my department walking around with sour faces muttering "This is just not necessary. Not even necessary".

J James Tubbs 01:16
It's just wrong.

M Matt Mio 01:17
Serves no purpose. Professor Mara Livezey is here with us today. How's it going, Mara?

M Mara Livezey 01:23
Oh, it's going?

M Matt Mio 01:24
Do you have lecture on Monday?

M Mara Livezey 01:26
I don't teach on Mondays.

M Mara Livezey 01:28
Oh, there we go.

M Mara Livezey 01:29
so I am done. I've been done since yesterday.

M Matt Mio 01:32
That's very, very nice. But you have a final to give, I think

M Mara Livezey 01:35
I absolutely do on Thursday.

M Matt Mio 01:37
Okay, you've got a few days to get ready. That's cool. Very, very cool. And what are those students in for? Can you tell us what number 12 is?

M Mara Livezey 01:46
It's gonna be a real doozy. They might cry.

M Matt Mio 01:50
(Laughs) Okay. That would just be normal for education during the pandemic.

M Mara Livezey 01:55
Yeah.

M Matt Mio 01:56
Oh, my gosh. Give us your wildest - like - Dead Week story from this last week. Did anything wild and crazy happen in your lecture lab?

M Mara Livezey 02:04
Oh well, okay. So I'm gonna have to show all these to the department - but for their final project students in my lab made TikTok's. And, you know this Matt, but no one else here does. Earlier this semester, the professor accidentally dropped and broke a bottle of like, really bad smelling stuff. Every single one of their Tiktoks referenced that, (The professors laugh), So I felt great.

M Matt Mio 02:36
Legendary, is what we call you, legendary. That's awesome. Professor Heather Hill is here with us. Heather, Can I say? Are - like - all the searches done? Are you done?

H Heather Hill 02:48
Yeah. Well, I'm done.

M Matt Mio 02:50
Congratulations

H Heather Hill 02:51

and done with.

M Matt Mio 02:53

It was a rough year for all the things we had to find replacements for.

H Heather Hill 02:58

Well, you too, you know.

M Matt Mio 02:59

Well - everybody, everybody, everybody. How about your department?

H Heather Hill 03:02

We're done. Done.

M Matt Mio 03:04

Congratulations. We've got two great new hires. Yeah.

M Matt Mio 03:06

What are - I cannot ask you the names. What are the specialties for your new hires?

H Heather Hill 03:11

Transatlantic Modernisms. So a modernist - and a new Writing Program director.

M Matt Mio 03:21

Oh, nice. Very good. That's great to hear.

H Heather Hill 03:24

Yeah, we had lots of candidates. We had over - at least for the Literature position - we had, I think close - like, 107 applicants.

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M Matt Mio 03:31
Incredible. That's wonderful

H Heather Hill 03:33
just for one of the positions

M Matt Mio 03:34
That's really great.

H Heather Hill 03:35
Well, it says something about the state of the job market, you know.

J James Tubbs 03:38
Yeah, it does,

M Matt Mio 03:39
Yeah it does. Well, thanks for your service, because it takes a lot of effort to get those things right.

H Heather Hill 03:46
Well, part of the dean's search process was aided by wonderful Hank, so you can introduce him now.

M Matt Mio 03:54
There you go. It makes perfect sense. Hank was just inquiring whether his service - helping out with these searches - granted him tenure as some part of the process. And we can give you-we can give you all sorts of things - Jolly Ranchers, tenure, whatever it takes. Thanks for your service too, Hank,

H Hank Durkin 04:11
You're welcome. Is there a pension involved?

- M** Matt Mio 04:13
(Laughs) What would you say to a cold cup of coffee and a coupon that expired from McDonald's hashbrowns? Is that enough?
- H** Hank Durkin 04:24
Sounds like home.
- M** Matt Mio 04:25
(Laughs) Isn't that the last page of the union contract for the pension, Professor Stephen Manning?
- S** Stephen Manning 04:33
He qualifies for VESIP, doesn't he?
- M** Matt Mio 04:35
Oh, well. Now we're talking. That's a lump sum payout right there. Yeah, absolutely. Stephen, how's it going for you?
- S** Stephen Manning 04:45
Fine, just fine.
- M** Matt Mio 04:46
Excellent. Excellent. And you're in the library today? (Long pause) You have books behind you. It looks like you're in the library.
- S** Stephen Manning 04:53
Living room, but there are books everywhere. There are books in most of the rooms in the house.
- M** Matt Mio 05:00
That is the life of an academic.

S Stephen Manning 05:03
Well, and now it's actually the life of retired person, because now I have time to actually read some of these books.

M Matt Mio 05:10
And their great ideas.

S Stephen Manning 05:12
Yeah

M Matt Mio 05:12
Awesome.

S Stephen Manning 05:12
Nice. I mean, not for teaching purposes.

M Matt Mio 05:15
Right.

S Stephen Manning 05:15
Finally

M Matt Mio 05:16
For pleasure

S Stephen Manning 05:17
For pleasure.

M Matt Mio 05:20
Professor Dave Chow, What was the last book you read/ illustrated?

D Dave Chow 05:24
Hmm. Oh, I know. I was telling Hank earlier. Oceanic Arts - you know - the auction catalog that's going down tomorrow.

M Matt Mio 05:34
Really?

D Dave Chow 05:35
I've been studying that thing 24/7 for the last week and a half.

M Matt Mio 05:39
You are a tiki master, aren't you?

D Dave Chow 05:41
No, I'm gonna be. I'm gonna be a broke Tiki master after Sunday - so.

M Matt Mio 05:45
Oh, because you're gonna buy stuff.

D Dave Chow 05:48
I'm going to try. I've been informed that I might be bidding against the head of Pixar come tomorrow. So he's got several more zeros in front of his decimal point than I do. So. (Matt laughs)

J James Tubbs 06:01
You're gonna get accoutrement for your Tiki Bar?

D Dave Chow 06:04
I'm going to try.

M Matt Mio 06:05
That's pretty awesome.

D Dave Chow 06:06
There's over 2000 items, but the odds of me getting one are - we'll see.

S Stephen Manning 06:11
It's online, obviously, right Dave?

D Dave Chow 06:13
Yes, yes. I wish I was in Whittier. live. But I'll do it from here.

M Matt Mio 06:19
That's pretty cool. Those auction books are just absolutely incredible. I mean, that's probably printed on glossy paper.

D Dave Chow 06:25
Uh, huh.

M Matt Mio 06:25
Weighs a ton.

D Dave Chow 06:26
As you could tell, there's also enough Post-It notes all over the edges. So it's twice as thick. So I'm ready. I'm financially solvent after tax season, so -

M Matt Mio 06:34
In our department, we're very used to seeing those passed around with coins in them, because Mark Benvenuto is really big into bidding on coins. So we're glad to have you here, Dave. And again, thank you so much for joining us guest panelist, Hank Durkin, friend of the College of Liberal Arts and Education, friend of Ask the Professor, we're very glad that you're here.

H Hank Durkin 06:54

Thank you. It's a pleasure to be here. It's something I truly enjoy.

M Matt Mio 06:57

Excellent. Hey, folks, this is a program where you could send us questions regarding anything. If you stump the panel, you win a prize. If you don't stump the panel, you win a prize. 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. Or listen on your favorite smart speaker by asking it to play Ask The Professor at University of Detroit Mercy. Here we go. Just a quick note from a listener. It's kind of cool. "Professors: My name is Steve Barney, and I've been a fan of the show for many years. I used to listen to the show with my dad, many many decades ago. I just recently found your show again online and I enjoy it very much. I have a question that I hope you can help me with. I once sent in a set of questions and actually stumped the panel and received the famous winners package. My question is, is there any way I can find the show I was on in your archives? It would have been sometime in the early 1980s. I would love to hear the questions I asked again. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated". Steve Barney, and he says "Thanks for the memories and the laughs." We'll get our crack team of researchers on that, Steve. Thanks for listening. That's awesome. Okay professors: With a new justice on the Supreme Court, here are some questions about the body -

M Matt Mio 08:13

of the Supreme Court.

D Dave Chow 08:13

Ooh

D Dave Chow 08:15

Oh,

M Mara Livezey 08:15

Oh, I thought you were going to end on "body".

D Dave Chow 08:17

Ooh, I was gonna say - like, anatomy Oh!

M Matt Mio 08:21
Yikes. No, we'll talk about the Supreme Court today. These questions are from Ben Fouty of Norfolk, Virginia. Aside from Judge, what are the two most common jobs - (For the record, it's a tie) - for the Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court to a previously held?

H Heather Hill 08:39
Lawyer.

M Matt Mio 08:40
No

D Dave Chow 08:41
What, like an appellate court?

M Mara Livezey 08:43
Like - prosecutor,

M Matt Mio 08:45
I think that we're more specific than lawyer because I gotta give partial credit to Heather. A lot of them are lawyers, but these are very specific titles that - for the record - three previous Chief Justice's have held.

D Dave Chow 08:56
It's not public defender,

S Stephen Manning 08:58
Not prosecutor because she was controversial because of that.

M Matt Mio 09:02
No



J James Tubbs 09:02
Appellate court judges?

M Matt Mio 09:04
No, it's actually even more laser focused than that, Jim. These are cabinet positions.

H Hank Durkin 09:09
Attorney General?

M Matt Mio 09:11
Attorney General is a really good guess, but it's not one of them, Hank.

S Stephen Manning 09:14
Justice Department.

M Matt Mio 09:16
No.

H Hank Durkin 09:17
Former President of the United States.

M Matt Mio 09:20
That's a good guess too, but unfortunately, that doesn't rank as three.

J James Tubbs 09:23
That's the only one

M Matt Mio 09:24
Yeah,

J James Tubbs 09:25
Only one.

M Matt Mio 09:25
Yep. Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of State. There have been three each.

H Heather Hill 09:30
Oh, okay.

M Mara Livezey 09:30
Wow.

D Dave Chow 09:31
Okay.

M Matt Mio 09:31
Pretty interesting. Of course, I always have to bring up one of my favorite wacky historical figures. One of those secretaries of the Treasury was none other than Salmon P Chase, the man who decided to put his own face on the \$10,000 bill. I love that story.


D Dave Chow 09:47
I'll check my wallet. I'll make sure his photo is still there.

M Matt Mio 09:51
Who was the Republican nominee for president in 1916?


J James Tubbs 09:56
1916?


M Matt Mio 09:56
Mm-hm. Same - uh, a similar name to the husband of one of our longtime panelists who hasn't


been around in a long time. That was a really bad clue.


 Mara Livezey 10:09
Charles?


 Hank Durkin 10:10
Charles Evans Hughes.

 Matt Mio 10:11
Yes. Charles Evans Hughes. That's right. Yes. There you go.


 Dave Chow 10:15
Kendra, we miss you. Forgive us. (Laughs)


 Matt Mio 10:17
I know. How about Republican nominee for VP 1948 initials E. W.

 Dave Chow 10:26
E. W?

 Matt Mio 10:28
This is actually one of the more famous chief justices.

 Stephen Manning 10:32
Earl Warren.

 Matt Mio 10:33
Earl Warren is who we're talking about. There we go.

 James Tubbs 10:36

I didn't know he was on a presidential- He was governor of California before he -

M Matt Mio 10:39

There you go.

D Dave Chow 10:40

Yeah, I was gonna say like, what was he running with?

H Hank Durkin 10:42

Tom Dewey

S Stephen Manning 10:43

'48 - Dewey. Yeah.

M Matt Mio 10:45

Dewey, yeah.

H Hank Durkin 10:46

Remember? Dewey beat Truman that year.

D Dave Chow 10:48

Yes. Love the newspaper headline. It's so accurate.

M Matt Mio 10:52

That's right. Oh, my gosh,

H Hank Durkin 10:53

They had a 50- 50 chance.

M Matt Mio 10:56

It's true.

D Dave Chow 10:57

Better than Gore.

M Matt Mio 10:58

Who was the last Chief Justice who held elective office? And I believe they're referring to the reference that Jim just made. So you know, what? How about I just give you that one? It was Earl Warren - from 1953 to 1969. He was -

J James Tubbs 11:16

Governor of California.

M Matt Mio 11:18

State of California. Yeah. Okay. How many of the 17 total Chief Justices so far died in office?

D Dave Chow 11:26

Ooh, That's kind of grisly.

M Matt Mio 11:28

So what percent? I mean - percentage - What number of 17?

D Dave Chow 11:32

Five.

M Matt Mio 11:34

It's higher.

D Dave Chow 11:35

Oh, six.

M Mara Livezey 11:37
Seven.

M Matt Mio 11:40
It was nine. It was 53% -

S Stephen Manning 11:42
Wow.

M Matt Mio 11:43
have died in office - Marshall. Taney, Chase, Waite, Fuller. White, Stone, Vinson and of course, Rehnquist. Yes. So they all passed away while they were in office.

D Dave Chow 11:54
Dedicated lot.

M Matt Mio 11:56
Yes, yes. Dying with your boots on, as the army folks say.

H Heather Hill 11:59
Or - with a robe on.

M Matt Mio 12:00
Or - with a robe on. With a gavel in hand. Most federal impeachment trials that occur in the Senate would be presided over by the Vice President. Only the president's impeachment trial is specifically presided over by the Chief Justice to protect the Constitution. That means - had a vice president been impeached - he or she would have presided over their own trial. What year did the Senate change the rules so the VP impeachment would be presided over as well by the Chief Justice?

D Dave Chow 12:02

Was it an Agnew thing?

M Matt Mio 12:10
Yeah. 74? 73?

D Dave Chow 12:25
Yeah.

M Matt Mio 12:28
So for the record, you basically have the spirit of the response. "Because of Spiro Agnew, who very much was in danger of being in charge of his own impeachment trial, we got around to it and changed the law in 1999.

D Dave Chow 12:54
Oh, Geez,

H Hank Durkin 12:55
The wheels of justice turn slowly.

D Dave Chow 12:57
Just a little.

M Matt Mio 13:01
It's just - it was on a Post-it Note on someone's monitor, it fell off, you know, it went under the desk, (Jim laughs)

D Dave Chow 13:06
and it didn't get printed up at Kinkos that night, that's all, you know.

M Matt Mio 13:10
I mean, we love the framers to death for the creativity of our founding documents, but a few things were still kind of - better in practice. A little bit different. Two presidents - (Great piece of

trivia. Throw this up on Jeopardy anytime soon) - Two presidents never appointed a single Supreme Court justice. Who were they? One obvious, one not.

J James Tubbs 13:32

Jimmy Carter was one of them.

M Matt Mio 13:34

Yep. Jimmy Carter, and the other one?

J James Tubbs 13:36

Oh, Ford. No?

H Hank Durkin 13:38

Joe Biden.

J James Tubbs 13:39

Oh, William Henry Harrison.

M Matt Mio 13:41

It was Harrison. Harrison was only in office for 30 days.

J James Tubbs 13:45

He died in the month.

M Matt Mio 13:47

But I don't know if I would have gotten Carter, Jim. I don't know if that would have like, jumped out at me. That's kind of cool. Malaise forever. Which President appointed the most supreme court justices - 11?

S Stephen Manning 13:59

He must have been a two-term.

H Hank Durkin 14:00
George Washington

M Matt Mio 14:01
It was Washington. It was Washington.

M Mara Livezey 14:04
Nice.

M Matt Mio 14:05
First you gotta boot up the court.

D Dave Chow 14:07
Yeah, You have a starter kit. So I mean, why not?

S Stephen Manning 14:10
You know, why'd he get so many? Oh, yeah.

M Mara Livezey 14:12
Oh, yeah.

M Matt Mio 14:13
So here, here is a nice little piece of trickery - the sort of thing we would throw in a final exam.
"According to the US Constitution, how was the Chief Justice selected?"

D Dave Chow 14:24
Arm wrestling. Tug of war?

J James Tubbs 14:28

Well, the Chief Justice is appointed by the president like all the others, aren't they?

S Stephen Manning 14:33

There's an opening.

M Matt Mio 14:36

So you know what it says here - is that the Constitution is silent on the process. "The President shall have the power by in with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall appoint judges and officers of the Supreme Court. Article One mentions there is a Chief Justice who presides over presidential impeachment, but it doesn't say how that office would be selected". So it exists but - yeah, very interesting.

D Dave Chow 15:01

I had always wondered, like, how did Roberts become the Chief Justice? I mean, he wasn't the senior person on the -

H Hank Durkin 15:06

No, you're nominated for that specific role.

D Dave Chow 15:10

Okay.

J James Tubbs 15:10

Yeah. And I'm sure Scalia wanted it desperately. But -

M Matt Mio 15:16

I think that that's the way it works. Right, Hank? Like - when the chief is stepping down or passes, then when the next person comes in, that's their expected role, right?

H Hank Durkin 15:24

No, not necessarily, because you could elevate the justice to the chief, but somebody has to be nominated for that specific role.

M Matt Mio 15:33
Got it. Got it.

A Announcer 15:34
You're listening to Ask The Professor from University of Detroit Mercy. We're grateful for those listeners who have sent questions for today's show, And we invite you to email your questions to ATP at UDMercy.edu. The professors will return to answer more questions in just 60 seconds. But first, we invite you to enjoy these Ask the Professor memories from 1995.

P Production Element 16:03
Ask The Professor FLASHBACK

M Matt Mio 16:56
These questions are from Ben Fouty of Norfolk, Virginia. How many of the 115 justices including Judge Brown-Jackson, how many of the 150 in total Justices of the Supreme Court had a degree in law? What a great question

S Stephen Manning 17:18
90.

M Mara Livezey 17:20
Most?

D Dave Chow 17:22
Yeah. All of them? Hopefully.

J James Tubbs 17:24
I'd say 80.

M Matt Mio 17:26
You know, it says here, only 50.

J James Tubbs 17:29
Wow. 43% of the justices of the Supreme Court had degrees in law

M Mara Livezey 17:35
I thought you had to

J James Tubbs 17:38
No.

H Hank Durkin 17:39
But remember, back in the earlier days of the Republic, you could become a lawyer by studying law with a lawyer.

M Matt Mio 17:47
Ah, That's true.

H Hank Durkin 17:48
So, they wouldn't have a piece of paper.

S Stephen Manning 17:50
Yeah.

M Matt Mio 17:51
Yep. And this, this makes sense. Because once we see the data in a different light, it makes a lot more sense. Professors, who was the last justice who didn't have a JD? You can either say the name or maybe the era they're from?

J James Tubbs 18:05
I don't think Earl Warren had a JD degree. Did he?



M Matt Mio 18:08
But Earl would have been before this person, so maybe that's possible.

J James Tubbs 18:12
Oh okay.

M Matt Mio 18:12
It says Lewis Powell, who was 72 to 87, just had an LLM from Harvard. So the idea is -pretty much everything in the modern era, they've had law degrees; but back in the day, someone just liked you a lot. And "hey, what do you think?"

D Dave Chow 18:27
Hey, you look good in a robe, you know.

H Heather Hill 18:29
What's an LLM?

M Matt Mio 18:30
That's a good question too

J James Tubbs 18:32
Master of Laws. That was before the JD.

M Matt Mio 18:36
Before the JD. There you go. When did the last justice who had no formal legal education at all serve? So we're looking for a window of years? FYI, to help you out, he left school at age 14 to work in a law office and become a stenographer. He left the court to become the first director of the Office of Economic Stabilization. He was succeeded in that directorship by future Chief Justice Fred Vinson. What years are we talking?

H Hank Durkin 19:10
Vinson was FDR, wasn't he?

M Matt Mio 19:13
You pretty much hit it spot on. So it would have been the early 40s.

D Dave Chow 19:17
Yeah. 38, 40. thereabouts.

D Dave Chow 19:20
James Burns was his name.

J James Tubbs 19:23
Jimmy Burns - from South Carolina.

M Matt Mio 19:25
There you go.

D Dave Chow 19:26
Montgomery's a little brother, right? (The professors laugh)

M Matt Mio 19:30
What are the top three law schools for a Supreme Court justice to have graduated from?

D Dave Chow 19:35
Harvard,

S Stephen Manning 19:36
Yale,

J James Tubbs 19:37
Stanford?

M Matt Mio 19:38
Harvard, Yale - ?

H Hank Durkin 19:39
Columbia.

M Matt Mio 19:41
Columbia. There we go. There we go. Are you ready? 22 alums, 11 alums, seven alums. Not everybody - for the record - had the higher degree, but they at least had a bachelor's from those institutions. So

H Hank Durkin 19:54
Wasn't, um - When there were two justices on the Supreme Court from Reagan's time, both of them came from Stanford and they were the first Stanford ones on the court, I thought.

M Matt Mio 20:04
Really? The 80's, huh?

J James Tubbs 20:09
Wasn't Sandra Day O'Connor one of them?

H Hank Durkin 20:12
Yeah, she was one, and who was her close buddy who was on the court? I thought they were the first Stanford degrees.

M Matt Mio 20:20
Oh gosh. I'm blinded, Hank, because you're wearing this red Polo. And I'm picturing the dancing tree.

H Hank Durkin 20:26
Stanford Cardinal

M Matt Mio 20:27
The Cardinal. Yeah, the dancing tree. (Hank shows the professors the shirt he's wearing) Oh, look at that - Detroit Mercy.

H Hank Durkin 20:32
I put it on special for this.

M Matt Mio 20:34
That's awesome. That's awesome. We'll get our crack team of researchers on that one, too. It's been well noted that Amy Barrett is the first justice in a while who didn't graduate from one of the big three law schools, who was the last serving justice to have not graduated, (besides her) from one of the big three? This is a good piece of trivia too. I'll probably give it away by giving you the person's initials, J. P. S.

H Hank Durkin 21:05
John Paul Stevens?

M Matt Mio 21:06
John Paul Stevens graduated from - good ol Big 10 Northwestern. Way to go. Way to go.

D Dave Chow 21:12
Oh, okay. I was waiting for like OCC or something like that. That's all.

M Matt Mio 21:16
Oh, stop.(Laughs) Oh, my gosh, I love how you all - what did you say you said Harvard, Yale - and then he said something else on the East Coast. I'm like, No, another east. Just keep this keep saying schools -

D Dave Chow 21:26
Columbia

D Dave Chow 21:27



Dave Chow 21:27

out east. The first justice to have graduated from law school was Levi Woodbury. When was he appointed? Whew!



James Tubbs 21:37

1825.



Matt Mio 21:40

I'm just giving it to you, Jim. 1845. Fun fact: He was also Secretary of the Treasury. And the law school he went to no longer exists.



Dave Chow 21:49

It was a correspondence school. (The professors laugh)



James Tubbs 21:53

There are a lot of schools that no longer exist.



Matt Mio 21:55

This is a very true thing. Especially after our dear pandemic here. Litchfield Law School was the name of the school that no longer exists that Levi attended.



James Tubbs 22:06

Was it in Litchfield, Connecticut?



Matt Mio 22:08

You know, it doesn't say. It's tied with what other famous School for the fourth greatest number of alums on the Supreme Court with three each.



Heather Hill 22:18

Yale?



Stephen Manning 22:19

Georgetown?

M

Matt Mio 22:20

No, we're going Big 10 again.

H

Hank Durkin 22:22

Michigan?

H

Hank Durkin 22:23

It's the University of Michigan. Yes, that's right.

H

Hank Durkin 22:26

I wonder if - Was Litchfield absorbed and became a law school for some university?

M

Matt Mio 22:32

Something like that. It reminded me, Hank, a little bit of how Detroit College of Law was kind of gobbled by Michigan State, things like that, you know. How many justices came from the great state of Michigan?

D

Dave Chow 22:47

10

D

Dave Chow 22:47

2?

D


Dave Chow 22:48


7


H


Hank Durkin 22:50


3


 Heather Hill 22:51
5


 Matt Mio 22:53
(Laughs)


 Matt Mio 22:54
We're at two, is where we are. Do you remember who they are? One of them is a name that is up on the Hall of Justice downtown.

 James Tubbs 23:03
Frank Murphy?

 Matt Mio 23:04
Frank Murphy. He was - for the record - the 35th governor of the great state of Michigan. And another lesser known one - but very, very cool historical background - Henry Billings Brown, late 1890s, was actually the majority author of Plessy versus Ferguson. So that is a bit of history. And let me tell you, Ben from Norfolk, Virginia, we really, really appreciate your questions. I'm so sorry that I got ahead of myself and just started reading because those were fantastic. And we are very pleased to see Judge Brown on the court and to see what it can do next.

 Heather Hill 23:40
Yeah. Thanks, Ben.

 Dave Chow 23:41
Send more.

 Dave Chow 23:43
Hey, you know what we got in my email this morning? "Dear Matt and professors: As promised here is a brand new list of Professor Imponderables for 2022 and beyond.

 - - - -

D Dave Chow 23:55
Oh no, (laughs)

M Matt Mio 23:56
"Admittedly, they're getting tougher to come up with, so we hope you enjoy. Warmest greetings from Valencia, California Frank Burroughs and family".

D Dave Chow 23:56
Oh boy.

M Matt Mio 23:58
Oh, this is a good one. I kind of like this one; and the whole list is fantastic, but we can only do one at a time. Professors, Can you reveal your favorite childhood book?

H Heather Hill 24:15
No. (The professors laugh)

D Dave Chow 24:17
Yeah, It's kept under wraps.

M Matt Mio 24:20
I shouldn't have phrased it like that. Heather, What was your favorite childhood book?

H Heather Hill 24:25
You know, I think it was a lesser-known Louisa May Alcott book.

M Matt Mio 24:30
Oh, that's nice.

H Heather Hill 24:31
Called, uh - What was it called? Eight Cousins.

M Matt Mio 24:34
Okay.

J James Tubbs 24:35
Oh, I remember my sister reading that. Yeah.

H Heather Hill 24:37
Yeah, There was a time in America where - when you were a young girl. you would get a set of Louisa May Alcott books. It's interesting today because I have the same set that Rosemary Weatherston, my colleague in the English department, she has the same exact set.

M Matt Mio 24:54
Aww

H Heather Hill 24:55
We're about the same age. Right? And so she was like, "I got that set when I was - you know - a certain age". So -

S Stephen Manning 25:01
Like boys got The Hardy Boys, I think.

H Heather Hill 25:03
Yeah.

D Dave Chow 25:05
Or Encyclopedia Brown.

H Heather Hill 25:06
Right. Or Nancy Drew or something like that.

D Dave Chow 25:09
Yeah,

J James Tubbs 25:09
But Treasure Island was my favorite

D Dave Chow 25:11
That's why you took up cruising, huh? (Laughs)

M Matt Mio 25:11
Treasure Island. Very good.

J James Tubbs 25:15
Yeah.

D Dave Chow 25:17
It started somewhere. I knew it had to.

M Matt Mio 25:18
I think it's also interesting, what we're doing here is differing in your definitions of childhood; because my response was going to be - and it's still on my bookshelf - a very ratty copy from the early 70s of *The Little Engine That Could*, which I read repeatedly over and over again.
Yeah.

M Matt Mio 25:20
Oh. Good Night Moon.

M Matt Mio 25:37
There you go.

M Mara Livezey 25:39

I think probably A Wrinkle in Time.

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Matt Mio 25:41

Wrinkle in Time. Fantastic.

H

Heather Hill 25:43

That popped into my head too. Yeah,

M

Matt Mio 25:45

very good, Mara.

H

Hank Durkin 25:46

I read a book when I was a kid called Follow My Leader.

H

Hank Durkin 25:51

It was about a little boy who plays with firecrackers and goes blind. And the leader is a guide dog. And it's about a 12 or 13 year old boy, learning how to handle a guide dog and get along being blind. And I know it was one of my favorites because I remember it and because I saved it. And when my son was in first or second, or kindergarten or first grade, he came home one day and said "We're going to read a book called Follow My Leader". And I went out and I dug out my copy and handed it to me take it in and show it as teacher.

M

Matt Mio 25:51

Hmm.

J

James Tubbs 26:24

Wow


M


Matt Mio 26:25

That's great.


M


Mara Livezey 26:26


 Mara Livezey 20:20
Nice.

 Matt Mio 26:27
I love those memories.


 Stephen Manning 26:28
Most of the ones I read are \ now being banned across the various school boards. I don't know why they have a problem with third graders reading Tropic of Cancer. for example. I remember the - what's the Jack London -


 Dave Chow 26:42
Call Of The Wild?

 Stephen Manning 26:44
Call Of The Wild - I remember that. But I also read - and I don't know why - I think it was before they did the movies. The Ian Fleming Bond movies?

 Heather Hill 26:52
Sure.

 Stephen Manning 26:55
I read a lot of those things. I don't know. I don't know why -

 James Tubbs 26:58
They were great.

 Stephen Manning 26:59
or who would have given those to me, but I read most of them when I was a kid.

 Matt Mio 27:03
That's awesome. Doctor No

H Hank Durkin 27:06
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.

M Matt Mio 27:08
Oh, there you go. Sure.

D Dave Chow 27:09
I think for me, Oh God, it's gonna sound embarrassing - Harold and the Purple Crayon.

M Matt Mio 27:13
Yeah.

D Dave Chow 27:14
Does anybody remember that one? Where the kid drew all over the wall and -

M Matt Mio 27:18
Makes perfect sense to me.

D Dave Chow 27:20
created his own world.


M Matt Mio 27:21
That doesn't sound like anybody I know.


M Mara Livezey 27:23
That's so strange.


H Hank Durkin 27:24


And did it have an impact on you?

- D** Dave Chow 27:26
No, not at all. Not at all. No, actually, I used to draw on the wallpaper. Until my dad got wise and went to the Coca Cola distributors. "Hey, can we get another chalkboard for the kid? You know, he's costing us a fortune in wallpaper."
- M** Matt Mio 27:39
Nice. You know, professors. We have reached the end of our time together. So the time has come to say goodbye, Dave.
- D** Dave Chow 27:47
See ya.
- M** Matt Mio 27:48
Stephen
- S** Stephen Manning 27:49
See ya.
- M** Matt Mio 27:50
Heather
- H** Heather Hill 27:51
Bye-bye.
- M** Matt Mio 27:51
Mara
- M** Mara Livezey 27:52
Bye


 Matt Mio 27:53
Jim

 James Tubbs 27:53
Bye.

 Matt Mio 27:54
And last but not least, Hank.

 Hank Durkin 27:56
So long, until the next time I'm blessed.

 Matt Mio 27:58
Thanks.

 Michael Jayson 27:59
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 Matt Mio 28:08
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