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M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:02
The University tower chimes bring 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. On the coast of Lake Huron in Oscoda, Michigan, It's professor Dave Chow.

D Dave Chow 00:21
Pleasure to be here.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:23
I'm also entertaining the very real possibility that it's just a green screen and you got like a small oscillating fan in front of your desk. I know Dave, I know. It's just funny. Oh, no, I wouldn't put it past you wouldn't.

D Dave Chow 00:35
Actually, in the cottage, there's a fake beach scene on the wall. I thought about doing it from there if I had to, that's all. But no, I'm doing out here.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:46
Awesome.

D Dave Chow 00:47

It's too nice. So - anywho

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:49

Also in a fun place, because it's got lots of books. It's Professor Beth Oljar

B Beth Oljar 00:54

Good to be here. Hey,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:56

Glad to have you. It was totally awesome. If only we had faces for radio - as I've heard Dave say before. Your cat was perched perfectly on the back of your chair just a few seconds ago. It really was quite a scene.

B Beth Oljar 01:10

And then she couldn't quite figure out what she wanted to do. So now she's sitting in the chair with me.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:18

That's all right. She wants to be on the show. Can you blame her?

B Beth Oljar 01:22

(In the voice of her cat) I'm just a ham. Come on. I'm a little ham.

D Dave Chow 01:27

15 minutes of fame.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:28

Yep, exactly. So how has this week's courses treated you, Beth?

B Beth Oljar 01:34

Fine. Things are going okay,



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:36

Nice. Continuing around the horn, I see Professor Jim Tubbs is back in - well, not black but checkered. How's that?



James Tubbs 01:46

Yeah, checkered. Yeah. A checkered past - checkered present.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:49

(Laughs) How was the last week, Jim?



James Tubbs 01:53

It's been pretty good. Pretty good. My classes are good. The weather unfortunately stayed hot until the day after my classes.



Beth Oljar 02:05

Of course. Yeah. As soon as it turned autumn on the calendar, the temperature just plummeted. But I'm enjoying this now. It's nice



Beth Oljar 02:17

There was no AC in Commerce & Finance today, which -I mean with me, it doesn't matter. It could be 30 below and I would be sweating. I'm not kidding you. But I was missing the AC a little bit.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:29

Sure. Absolutely. All right, continuing around the horn and finishing up. Last but most certainly not least Professor Erin Bell is back with us.



Erin Bell 02:40

Hi, everyone. I promise not to blurt out any errant answers. No. I can't make that promise. (Matt laughs)



James Tubbs 02:40

J James Tubbs 02:47

Please don't.

B Beth Oljar 02:48

We do it all the time. Yeah, I mean - what would this show be if people made that promise. (Laughs)

J James Tubbs 02:54

It would be silence all the time.

D Dave Chow 02:57

30 minutes of silence.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:58

Exactly. What was the famous rock band that added an extra track to the record that was just like, you know, 10 minutes of absolute silence? I know there's something out there about that.

E Erin Bell 03:08

There's a few. We actually had a really good conversation. I bet Dave Chow knows some of these like really cool Illuminati bands from the 90s in Detroit, but there's just like, you know, like the Detroit space rock scene - where suddenly you think the CDs over for half an hour. And then it's just like noise, and the band escapes me. But there's a few. I want to say like Radiohead might have done that at one point.

J James Tubbs 03:29

Yeah, that sounds like Radiohead.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:31

Awesome.

D Dave Chow 03:32

And actually, now if you want to talk about goofiness, back in my dad's coffee shop, they used to have three minutes of silence on the jukebox.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:39
Wow.

D Dave Chow 03:39
So you can actually pay for silence.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:42
Oh

E Erin Bell 03:42
I like that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:43
Now that's interesting.

J James Tubbs 03:44
So you could actually talk to your date for three minutes.

D Dave Chow 03:48
You hope. Or you might want to throw in a couple of extra quarters for it real loud, so.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:54
Right, exactly. Well, folks, I think I just opened up a nice little possible treasure chest of future questions - because you know, this is a program where you send us questions regarding anything. If you stump the panel, you win a prize. You can send us the questions and the number of ways. Email us at ATP at 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. Nice little set of questions here. Ask the professor's My name is Ray Farraj. I'm in Professor Oljar's Symbolic Logic". This is from almost exactly a year ago. "I have attached a Word doc with 10 questions on one of my absolute favorite subjects". These actually sound pretty interesting. It's on motorcycles. He signs the message, "Happily Ray Farraj". And he was an absolute wonderful student member of the Chem Club even though he was an engineer, is

hopefully headed towards medical school now. But I'm pretty sure that he graduated recently. So Okay, here we go. The theme for the trivia questions is motorcycles. Let's see, the first formal motorcycle manufacturing company was founded in what country?

D Dave Chow 05:11
Germany?

J James Tubbs 05:12
Germany.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:13
No, that's not what it says here.

J James Tubbs 05:15
England?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:16
It says England, Jim. Yeah, it does. It says England. What was its name? It's a little bit esoteric. I'm not exactly sure I can even give you a clue. Just gonna jump over, you know, "the first one is done for you". It was Hildebrand and Wolfmuller -

J James Tubbs 05:32
Whoa

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:33
was the name of the first company in England,

B Beth Oljar 05:35
which sounds German.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:37
Yeah it sounds pretty German actually Yeah

Yeah, it sounds pretty German, actually. Yeah.

E Erin Bell 05:41
Not a British company then.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:43
They migrated.

D Dave Chow 05:44
Das motorbike.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:46
Yeah, exactly.

B Beth Oljar 05:47
Well, you know, their rulers for Hanoverians. They were all married to Germans and intermarried anyway. So maybe it makes sense.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:53
There you go. So the world's fastest production motorcycle, I think that means commercial production motorcycle, is made by a company that starts with the letter K from Japan. Do you know what it is?

J James Tubbs 06:06
Kawasaki?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:07
It's Kawasaki. The Ninja H2R is the world's fastest consumer production motorcycle. That's right. What is the fastest recorded speed, according to Guinness, that a motorcycle has ever gone in miles per hour.

D Dave Chow 06:24
... ..

Uh-oh. We'll need Kendra to settle this, won't we?

B Beth Oljar 06:27
150.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:28
You know it's quite a bit higher than that.

J James Tubbs 06:30
Really?

B Beth Oljar 06:31
Oh, Okay,

J James Tubbs 06:32
220

D Dave Chow 06:35
268

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:37
You know, I'm given this one to Professor Chow. 373.36 miles per hour. I don't know if humans were ever meant to go that fast.

J James Tubbs 06:46
Well, I'd hate to wipe out at that speed.

D Dave Chow 06:48
Did you see the movie - what was it - The Last Indian with, um, who was in that movie? I think it was, um - Hannibal Lecter - who played him?

B Beth Oljar 06:58
Anthony Hopkins

D Dave Chow 07:00
Anthony Hopkins. Yes.

E Erin Bell 07:01
I don't know that one.

D Dave Chow 07:02
The Last Indian - great movie. Eccentric old man went out in the salt flats and just a racist Indian Motorcycle.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:10
Wow.

D Dave Chow 07:10
And he took a couple spills on that thing. And he ended up like, yeah, he's pretty beat up. But yeah, I guess he broke the land record back in the day.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:17
Okay. Very interesting.

B Beth Oljar 07:19
I'm puzzled because of the size of the engine -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:23
Right

B Beth Oljar 07:24
I'm not sure if that's the same one as the one that was in the movie.

producing that speed. I'm a little - Okay.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:27

So they were going downhill with the wind at their backs. (The professors laugh) There was a big magnet waiting for them on the other side.

J James Tubbs 07:34

And they had some dramatic gearing, for sure.

D Dave Chow 07:37

Yeah, it was a shot of a slingshot.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:39

Yes, exactly. Hey, profs, What year was the great American Motorcycle Company Harley Davidson founded? A hint is "fairly recently over 100 years old".

D Dave Chow 07:52

1922?

J James Tubbs 07:54

I would say 1911

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:56

Actually it says 1903 here, so it's a pretty old company. And does anybody know the city where they were founded?

D Dave Chow 08:02

Milwaukee?

B Beth Oljar 08:03

In Wisconsin.

J James Tubbs 08:04
Indianapolis, wasn't it?

D Dave Chow 08:05
Oh, no.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:05
12 major motorcycle types is what it says here. Do you think you can name five of them? This will be tough

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:05
It says Milwaukee Yeah. Millioke, which I believe we all know means the good land. Yes, that's right. Oh, wow. Apparently there are 12, Thanks, Ray. This is blowing my mind.

D Dave Chow 08:25
Types as in manufacturers or - ?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:28
So, I will give one away, even though it probably was the most likely one for us to get. There is sort of a standard, you know, chassis plus engine. There's one that's called well -

B Beth Oljar 08:40
You can get a sidecar.

E Erin Bell 08:42
(Laughs) Yeah, That's what I was thinking of, with a little sidecar riding around.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:45
You know, I'm gonna give you that, because I believe that almost always that's called a tour. Which is one of the things on the list. So let's say we've got two, because I'm giving you the freebie with standard.

B Beth Oljar 08:56
You can get the ones with the really long handles.

E Erin Bell 09:00
Chopper. Right?

D Dave Chow 09:01
Chopper. A racing bike?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:04
I want to say the choppers are usually referred to - what they have here is a cruiser. I'm really hoping that the motorcycle people don't get angry with me for making these judgment calls.

E Erin Bell 09:14
We're gonna hear from those motorcycle people.

D Dave Chow 09:15
I can hear it now, Matt. They're gonna be revving their engines in front of your house tonight.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:18
I can't wait.

B Beth Oljar 09:20
If we could just get questions about Sons of Anarchy - the TV show, I'd be golden.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:25
There you go.

D Dave Chow 09:26

So was it like cruiser, racing bike, ice bike, sidecar?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:30
You know getting closer.

D Dave Chow 09:32
Chopper

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:32
Also you can go down the route of - because technically certain other conveyances are classified as motorcycles, even though we might chuckle a little bit in calling them that. Does that help?

E Erin Bell 09:43
Oh. Scooters.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:46
Scooter is on the list and moped is actually separate. So that's our five right there.

J James Tubbs 09:51
Okay.

D Dave Chow 09:51
Would a trike count as well? A tricycle?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:54
You know, it's not listed here.

B Beth Oljar 09:55
Big Wheels, my Big Wheels.

J James Tubbs 09:58
They make a tricycle Harley.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:00
Yeah, they do. Yeah, they do.

D Dave Chow 10:01
Yeah.

D Dave Chow 10:02
The ones we didn't mention were a sports, naked, sports touring, dual sport, off road, supermoto and adventure. I mean, who knows with all this stuff, you know?

J James Tubbs 10:14
Supermoto - is that a motocross bike?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:16
Yeah, yes it is.

D Dave Chow 10:18
Yeah. I'm more scared about the naked one.

E Erin Bell 10:21
Right, What does that mean?

E Erin Bell 10:22
Yeah, I know

E Erin Bell 10:23
It's just a muffler. You just ride a muffler wherever you go.

D Dave Chow 10:27
I don't know if I want to ride a muffler.

E Erin Bell 10:29
Back to the basics

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:31
Long shot, professors. If you've been paying attention to the very, very subtle moves of most internal combustion engine companies towards electric in the last couple years, what is the namesake - the last name and the name of the company of the world's first electric motorcycle that is really catching on quite nicely.

B Beth Oljar 10:51
It's not a Honda, is it?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:54
It is not. It's an independent label.

B Beth Oljar 10:56
Oh

D Dave Chow 10:57
Is this the one - the triangular? I'm trying to remember.

E Erin Bell 11:01
I have a coworker here who is like totally into motorcycles, but he's not here. And when he listens, he's gonna be like "Erin, That was so easy"

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:07
Phone a friend. Phone a friend.

J James Tubbs 11:09
Tesla doesn't make bikes do they?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:11
It doesn't say that here. It says that it's the Corbin Company. Michael Corbin invented the first electric motorcycle. And that leads us to our last question. These were a lot of fun, Ray. Is there such a thing - true or false - as a hybrid motorcycle, both electric and gas powered?

D Dave Chow 11:27
Sure. Why not?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:28
Yeah. That's what it says. It is possible. It is possible.

A Announcer 11:34
You're listening to Ask The Professor - from University of Detroit Mercy. To send questions to the professors, email us at ATP at UDMercy.edu. The professors will return to answer more questions in just 60 seconds. But first let's enjoy these Ask the Professor memories featuring longtime show host Edwin DeWindt.

P Production Element 12:23
(Ask The Professor FLASHBACK)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:40
"Dear profs, I think I'm overdue to send in questions. We've had some fun with a couple of what do these have in common questions before so I decided to try my hand at a set. For each list, the fewer items you hear before correctly correlating the commonality, the more points you get, or something like that". (Matt laughs) I'm going to put that at the top of my next exam. Oh my gosh.

D Dave Chow 13:22
I was gonna say, what's the rubric on this thing? Geez.

- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:24
"I'll trust your esteemed host to grade you justly and fairly". Oh, sure. "As always, thanks for years of fun and info that drives out things like where I left my car keys. All the best", Our good friend and question senders serial, Nat Pike of Livonia, Michigan. Thanks for sending these in, Nat. What do the following 20th century celebrities all have in common? I will go slow so you can stop me or guess as we go through. Joey Bishop.
- D** Dave Chow 13:56
Ratpack
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:57
Joan Rivers
- B** Beth Oljar 13:59
Comedians
- J** James Tubbs 14:00
Late night TV shows.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:02
Yep.
- D** Dave Chow 14:03
Yeah. Johnny Carson?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:03
I'm gonna give it to a combination of Jim and Dave. They've all hosted the Tonight Show to replace Johnny Carson more than 50 times. The list completes with Bob Newhart, David Brenner, McLean Stevenson, Jerry Lewis and David Letterman himself. Yes, that's right. FYI, David Letterman, just 51 guest hosts.
- B** Beth Oljar 14:27

Ah

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:28
Joey Bishop 177 guest hosts.

B Beth Oljar 14:31
Wow.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:32
He was on quite a bit more. And, of course, Joan Rivers in second place. Yeah.

J James Tubbs 14:35
How many for Joan?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:36
It was 93. So she was up there - way beyond everybody else but Joey Bishop. Okay, we'll try again. What do these musical performers all have in common? This is pretty interesting. Madonna. Dave Grohl, Justin Bieber, Iggy Azalea, Lady Gaga. Selena Gomez, Paula Abdul. And last but not most, Pink.

B Beth Oljar 15:09
They were all born in Michigan.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:11
You know, it's not a commonality of where they were born or something about their bodies or how they were raised.

E Erin Bell 15:18
Pseudonyms?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:19
That's actually pretty good. That's pretty good. But that's not what it says here. I like that as a

That's actually pretty good. That's pretty good. But that's not what it says here. I like that as a guess, Erin.

D Dave Chow 15:25
Dave Grohl?

E Erin Bell 15:27
Oh, yeah. Dave Grohl. I mean -

D Dave Chow 15:28
Yeah

E Erin Bell 15:30
Something in pink.

D Dave Chow 15:33
And I try not to think about Justin Bieber.

B Beth Oljar 15:36
They started as something other than what they ended up as professionally.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:42
That's another great guess, but that's not what it says.

J James Tubbs 15:45
They started younger than 25.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:46
No.

D Dave Chow 15:48

D Dave Chow 15:48
Mickey Mouse Club members or something like that?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:51
No.

D Dave Chow 15:51
They had bologna for lunch.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:53
So let me give it to you this way. And I'm afraid this might be the end, because I really can't think of anything that wouldn't, you know, immediately give something like this away. But - when I was growing up, my generation, when we heard about the Paula Abdul part of this, it was, quite frankly, a lot of late night TV fodder. It was a matter of, of comedy and and hilarity - if that helps at all.

E Erin Bell 16:21
They were hosts or something on SNL,

D Dave Chow 16:26
They're short. They're choreographers. They had music videos with cartoon animals.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:30
No, you know - (laughs) - you know what it was?

E Erin Bell 16:33
I know exactly what you're talking about.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:35
Was it MC Scat Cat, or what was his name?

E Erin Bell 16:38



Oh



Erin Bell 16:38

(Laughing) It was.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:38

It was Opposites Attract. These performers have all been involved in high profile falling off or through stages during their concerts.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:41

Yeah.



James Tubbs 16:41

Oh, good grief.



Beth Oljar 16:41

Ouch.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:42

Bananas, right there.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:42

I never would have gotten that, but how it's terrible for them.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:55

It's unfortunate. It's unfortunate.



Beth Oljar 16:58

And I'm kind of surprised about Dave Grohl. Well,

E Erin Bell 17:01
Yeah, brings the intensity.

D Dave Chow 17:04
Yeah. Well, because he was also a drummer for the longest time too. So I mean -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:07
That's right

J James Tubbs 17:08
I knew about Madonna. She -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:10
Yeah.

D Dave Chow 17:10
Well, I think Madonna fell off of her bra.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:15
This one is going to be one to make the brain cells go wild, so stick with me here. It's a longer list. It's about twice as long as the last one. What do the following countries have in common? Vatican City, Paraguay, Monaco, Mongolia, Bolivia, the Marshall Islands, Mali, Belarus, Luxembourg, Liechtenstein, Kyrgyzstan, Ivory Coast, Angora, The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Burundi, Central African Republic, Guatemala, Chad, Tajikistan, Sweden, Uzbekistan, Sao Tomé and Príncipe. All of these countries, these 22 countries I just listed have something in common. If you think about recent world events, you might get there.

D Dave Chow 18:10
Currency?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:11
No.

D Dave Chow 18:12
Some medical -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:14
Nothing medical.

E Erin Bell 18:16
Commonwealth - or - ?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:17
Oh, we're getting closer.

E Erin Bell 18:21
Colonized?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:22
Getting closer.

B Beth Oljar 18:23
I was thinking British colonies actually.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:26
Ah ha! Getting close

D Dave Chow 18:29
Vatican City.

B Beth Oljar 18:30
Yeah. The Vatican

D Dave Chow 18:32
High divorce rate. (The professors laugh)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:37
I've heard about the divorce rate in Mali. It's a killer. It's just a killer.

D Dave Chow 18:41
Yeah, the one in Vatican City is just brutal. I meanb-

B Beth Oljar 18:44
Something about sovereignty.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:46
Yep. Getting closer.

E Erin Bell 18:48
Okay.

B Beth Oljar 18:49
Well, I just want the credit.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:54
Have i justly given enough clues? You know what, these are the only modern countries, as of the printing of this email, which apparently was the 18th of September of 2022, who have ever been invaded or governed by the British Empire?

J James Tubbs 19:12
Wow.



- E** Erin Bell 19:13
That's amazing - that it's only 22
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:15
Only 22 of the 144 countries of the world.
- B** Beth Oljar 19:19
Well, I mean, you know, there were the Romans and then there was the British.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:25
That's right.
- D** Dave Chow 19:26
Well, the Union Jack gets around, okay.
- B** Beth Oljar 19:29
Well, and probably the weather had something to do with their colonizing genius, right. They're always wanting to go somewhere else.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:36
Yeah, exactly.
- D** Dave Chow 19:37
Or the food. It's the food. There's no bangers and mash in Monaco.
- J** James Tubbs 19:44
And with Liechtenstein and Luxembourg, it was just too small to bother.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:49
Professors, What unusual - This has got a pretty good hint already built into it. One unusual trait do the following famous people have in common: Ben Franklin, Leonardo da Vinci, Albert Einstein, John James and Ben Adward?

Einstein, LeBron James and Dan Ackroyd

B Beth Oljar 20:08
Lefties? Are they all left handed?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:09
Almost there, Professor Oljar.

J James Tubbs 20:14
Ambidextrous?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:15
Yeah, they can use both of their hands. Yes, absolutely.

D Dave Chow 20:19
Well, we can all use both of our hands. But you know -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:23
They can write with both of their hands. How's that?

D Dave Chow 20:25
Oh

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:26
I mean, I suppose I can write with my left hand too.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:28
Yes. And that's saying something, let me tell you. Holy smokes. Oh, my gosh,

D Dave Chow 20:28

Yeah, but Emmett's gonna have better penmanship than you though.

B

Beth Oljar 20:38

Are we having penmanship issues?

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:41

Well, I mean - possibly.

D

Dave Chow 20:46

Is cursive ruining the poor kid right now?

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:49

No, it's the same with all my boys. They can knock out cursive like nothing. But then they're expected to print for exams. And yeah, you know, without revealing too much, a little dose of dysgraphia makes it very difficult to write. Let me just put it that way.

B

Beth Oljar 21:04

Well, hey, at least they know cursive. I've got a bunch of students who tell me they were never taught that.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:09

That's right.

B

Beth Oljar 21:10

That that's not being taught in school anymore.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:13

It's true.

J

James Tubbs 21:14

Well, schools quit doing it, and then a lot of them picked it back up again.

B Beth Oljar 21:18
Oh, good.

J James Tubbs 21:20
I mean, imagine a child that wanted to study history, they would not be able to read any original documents if they couldn't read cursive.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:28
That's true.

J James Tubbs 21:28
But why did they have to have their exams printed?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:33
I'm guessing that it's something to do with - with a universal writing technique that will be easier to grade, but I'm not the judge. You know, I'm just an educator. I'm not an educator.

E Erin Bell 21:44
What would you know?

J James Tubbs 21:45
When I was in school, once we learned cursive, we had to use it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:48
Professors, one more question, and it's a fun one. The following cities all have something in common: Boston, Massachusetts; Cleveland, Ohio; Mexico City, Mexico; Newark, New Jersey; New Orleans, Louisiana; Philly, PA; San Francisco, California; and last but not least, Toronto, Ontario.

D Dave Chow 22:13
Decent water supply?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:15
No. That's gonna be a rough go for Mexico City, I would say.

J James Tubbs 22:20
Yes.

D Dave Chow 22:20
Toronto is not that much better.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:22
The really long pipe. If something were true, if the world was a little bit different, Detroit could have been on this list. Detroit used to have something that all of these cities currently have and are continually running into 2022

J James Tubbs 22:41
Salt mines?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:43
No, but that's a good guess though.

D Dave Chow 22:44
Cable cars?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:46
Yeah, you know, it's streetcars. Yeah, that's right.

J James Tubbs 22:50
Trolleys, Yes. Trams. We gave ours to Mexico City.

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M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:54

That's right. If you knew that we sold all of our street cars, as my wife reminds me of, as the historian all the time. We sold them to Mexico City for a cold cup of coffee or something like that. So -

J James Tubbs 23:06

You know, when they were repaving Livernois, it was really a shame to watch all of those rails coming up. And they were just getting rid of them. When they - you know - could have reinstated the streetcars

D Dave Chow 23:18

We hate those things downtown. Oh!

J James Tubbs 23:21

Well, they are kind of a pain to drive over.

J James Tubbs 23:23

Yep.

E Erin Bell 23:23

I never know what the rules of traffic are with that. I've been carpooling with my son. And I'm like, do I get behind it? Do I pass?

D Dave Chow 23:31

Try being a bicyclist downtown.

E Erin Bell 23:32

It's really nerve-wracking when you're on the roads?

J James Tubbs 23:33

Yeah. Or try being stopped at a stoplight when you're straddling the GLine tracks and the QLine is coming up behind you.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:33
It is. It is.

D Dave Chow 23:36
Oh! (Matt laughs)

B Beth Oljar 23:44
That's not good.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:45
Nope. Not good at all. Hey, professors, we're going to our favorite place to go - the Burroughs Family Imponderables. It's definitely one that we've never had before, because it's super laser focused. What's your favorite - bread?

E Erin Bell 24:01
Oh, wow.

E Erin Bell 24:05
Because I'm just gonna throw this out there. Whenever I get a chance, there's this tiny little independent bread store in Petoskey, Michigan; and it makes this Kalamata Olive Oil and rosemary, olive oil bread that is just - I could have grilled cheeses made with that bread every day - 10 times a day and never get sick of it. It's just wonderful,

D Dave Chow 24:26
See, Matt, I thought for sure you were gonna go Trenary Toast.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:30
Trenary Toast - sure. You know, you can but that at Westborn every once in a while, right?

D Dave Chow 24:36
Oh!

E Erin Bell 24:36
Wow.

B Beth Oljar 24:37
Um - the CRUST Bakery in Fenton.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:42
Yes.

B Beth Oljar 24:44
Someone whose products are now being carried by William Sonoma.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:48
Yep.

B Beth Oljar 24:48
They make a sourdough bread that is the best bread for toast. It's \$7 a loaf at Westborn and I still buy it. It's the best bread for toast ever.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:59
Awesome

D Dave Chow 25:00
Okay.

B Beth Oljar 25:01
Or a really good dark rye. That's the alternative.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:04
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Erin, What were you gonna say?

- E** Erin Bell 25:05
I was saying there's really no wrong answer and I feel like I'm being pulled between my, you know, European ethnicities - but I would go with Ackroyd's Bakery.
- D** Dave Chow 25:15
Oh - Scottish!
- E** Erin Bell 25:16
When I was a kid, my mom would get these like thick - it's like just white soda bread. And she'd cut me about an inch slice with like butter and jam. You can see I clearly -
- J** James Tubbs 25:25
Yeah, that is hard to top. Ackroyd it's hard to top.,
- E** Erin Bell 25:28
but then I do always appreciate a Polish Rye, maybe from Hamtramck. I think I like the butter as much as I like the bread, which is probably revealing something about me, but - Now I'm really hungry.
- J** James Tubbs 25:39
I love Halal bread too.
- D** Dave Chow 25:39
I know.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:42
Oh, of course.
- B** Beth Oljar 25:43
Oh, yes.

B Beth Oljar 25:45
So good for French toast.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:45
That's a good one.

J James Tubbs 25:48
Yes, it is.

B Beth Oljar 25:49
Amazing french toast.

D Dave Chow 25:51
Now for me, I don't remember the bread brand. But I remember when I was in college, I used to work in downtown Birmingham. On a Saturday we'd go to Alban's Bread & Basket at 15 Mile and Woodward, -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:02
Alban's

D Dave Chow 26:03
pick up a quart of the clam chowder and rye bread by the loaf off the wagon. I have no idea what brand it was, but we'd just tear it up in little pieces. We didn't care if it was sliced or not. But that rye bread was to die for.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:18
So, the family story - in our waning minutes here - is that Leslie and I had gotten engaged, and the time had come to go scope out some places both for, you know, rehearsal dinner, and then of course, reception. And I'm just tagging along. I'm putting this together, you know, building the plane as I'm flying. And we had lunch at Alban's, and I'm like, "This is really nice". And it had been a number of years since I'd been there, because I had moved away for grad school.

And I'm like, "Yeah, I could see us doing what we need to do here". And they're like, "Oh, no. No, no. Like Albans is just a great place to have lunch. We're not considering this place. We're gonna have all the meetings -

D Dave Chow 26:57
Oh, no, no -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:02
It's kind of sad. I mean, it's a very nice location. It had a very distinct architecture. I believe it is an OB-GYN clinic now.

E Erin Bell 27:10
It is.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:12
But Alban's Big Wheel, right? That was the sign.

D Dave Chow 27:15
Oh, yeah. and the Suburban. Do you remember the sandwiches, Matt?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:18
Oh, yeah, but that's what they were known for. That was the Big Wheel.

D Dave Chow 27:21
Thek Big Wheel - Ohh!

E Erin Bell 27:23
I worked there for a hot minute. In the late 1990s. Again, because of my love of bread ? sandwiches? I don't know. But it was a fun place to work.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:32
That's cool

Matt Mio

D Dave Chow 27:33
That clam chowder.

E Erin Bell 27:34
Yes.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:35
(Laughs) Every single time, no matter what the favorite is, we somehow end up with food. Even if it has nothing to do with food -y ou know? Oh my gosh. And I'm afraid the time has come for us to say goodbye, Erin.

E Erin Bell 27:50
Goodbye

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:51
Jim.

J James Tubbs 27:52
Goodbye

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:53
Beth.

B Beth Oljar 27:54
Good bye.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:55
And Dave.

D Dave Chow 27:57
See ya.

D Dave Chow 27:58
And now these words.

A Announcer 27:59
You can email ask the professor at ATP@UDMercy.edu or visit the Ask the Professor Facebook page.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:10
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