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Beth Oljar, Dan Maggio, Matt Mio, Ph.D., Erin Bell, James Tubbs, Dave Chow, Marwa Latif, Heather Hill

- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:02
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 and an unrehearsed session of questions and answers. I'm your host Matt Mio, and let me introduce to you our panel for today. He always makes the rest of us look like we're not dressed very well. It's Professor Jim Tubbs.
- J** James Tubbs 00:23
What?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:24
I'm wearing a football jersey, Jim.
- J** James Tubbs 00:27
I'm wearing a shirt.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:30
But yours bring some class. I'm giving you a compliment.
- B** Beth Oljar 00:34
They're such nice shirts. Jimbo. Thank you.

H Heather Hill 00:37
I don't know I think I take umbrage at that comment.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:40
Like Dolores Umbridge.

B Beth Oljar 00:42
What is Umbridge? And why would I take it? Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:45
Can I trade it in for a meal?

J James Tubbs 00:47
I am all out of umbrage.

H Heather Hill 00:49
I do think that Jim dresses? Well,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:51
he does.

H Heather Hill 00:52
But I alright, I will. That's it.

J James Tubbs 00:57
But but let's just leave it at but

H Heather Hill 01:00
I think other panelists on this particular show dressed rather well, too.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:05

I do too. That is true. That is true. And one of them might be Professor Heather Hill, who's next in line.

H Heather Hill 01:14

Thank you. I had to force that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:16

(Laughs) So are we allowed to ask what the plumbing issue is, or is this going to be brutal ?

H Heather Hill 01:22

Actually there are two different plumbing issues. Yeah, you know, the house is over 100 years old. So you know, I mean - or close to 100 years old. So yeah, it's a cracked pipes.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:36

Cracked pipes is like the worst thing.

H Heather Hill 01:38

He was getting the estimate while we are on air, so I'm sure I will find out. What that is.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:44

Right. The bad news, as we call it,

J James Tubbs 01:47

Did the estimate make him think he's gonna have to come out of retirement?

D Dave Chow 01:50

Or is he gonna have to sell an organ or something like that?

H Heather Hill 01:53

I don't know. We'll see. I don't know. We were contemplating that Greece trip, you know. Not anymore.

D Dave Chow 02:02

The only grease you're gonna get is from Sam's.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:05

Next in line here is Professor Beth Oljar. Beth, what is the state of the plumbing at your home right now?

B Beth Oljar 02:13

Good, because we spent several thousand dollars on it not too long ago. So all is fine now.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:25

Glad to hear it. Because plumbing is a real big deal.

B Beth Oljar 02:29

It's really kind of important to be able to take a shower

D Dave Chow 02:32

Several

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:33

On the other hand - I mean, on the positive side of plumbing, is that a thing that you can say? Did you see that it only took \$27 million, and the project was literally completed five months ahead of time to convert every domicile in the city of Benton Harbor, Michigan, over from leaded pipe to PVC. So very interesting about a project of massive proportions.

J James Tubbs 02:57

Something strikes me as misleading about that. I mean, that just seems far too cheap and far too fast to accomplish.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:03

It doesm but I'm trying to think positive here, Jim, like - we just need to get on the ball and start doing that. It was a wonderful piece on NPR this week that basically talked about the fact that the issue with American infrastructure is the fact that these small municipalities, even if they're close to other large cities have their own completely private water system. Therefore, if one part goes wrong, the entire city is screwed, instead of pairing up with local municipalities, and I'm just like, are we kidding here? Like who planned this country like seriously, you know, Anyway, I digress.

J James Tubbs 03:38

Well, I'm grateful for the water we've got, because I've never tasted better water than here in Detroit.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:42

That's the truth.

B Beth Oljar 03:43

I like mine in Oregon better. But - okay.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:47

Do you keep a little sample for sipping every once in a while?

H Heather Hill 03:50

Yeah, I think maybe you should have some shipped in.

B Beth Oljar 03:54

No.

J James Tubbs 03:54

I was just in Portland. And I didn't think it matched up.

B Beth Oljar 03:57

Oh, all right.

H Heather Hill 03:58
Taste test.

D Dave Chow 03:59
That's it. we're having a water off.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:02
We joke all the time, Mar, that a lot of people on the show love to bake. And so when we meet in person, people would bring baked goods and we would stuff our mouths while we're - Um, maybe we need to have a water off. I'm serious. We need to do a taste test here - blind taste test.

B Beth Oljar 04:19
Good points.

M Marwa Latif 04:20
So regarding water, I do want to test in my house all the time because I forced my husband to go everywhere to get me water.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:29
Really?

M Marwa Latif 04:29
And I absolutely dislike the water in Michigan. Sorry to break your heart.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:35
Wow.

D Dave Chow 04:36
Oh.

M Marwa Latif 04:36
Coming from Virginia, I stopped drinking, like the first six months. I would be so dehydrated. I have to have my Evian water.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:39
Really?

M Marwa Latif 04:41
So my husband thought I was wrong. So he used to do these blind tests where he would go buying several ones. And I was always right of the one I liked. And he's like, "How do you know?" I'm like, It just doesn't have a bitter taste or doesn't have an iron taste. And he's just like, "How does - ?" It's just completely different.

D Dave Chow 05:06
It is. It's gotta be.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:07
Unbelievable. Now, wait a second, wait a second - Did your husband get IRB approval before running these experiments on you?

M Marwa Latif 05:16
(Laughs)

D Dan Maggio 05:16
That's a very good question.

M Marwa Latif 05:17
Yes. And he wouldn't accept one sample. He's a scientist. So he would have me do multiple trials. Like, "We're going to do this a few times through repetition to be to be accurate". And I was like "I am not in the lab". (Laughs)

B Beth Olick 05:22

B Beth Oljar 05:33
That seems scientifically sound.

M Marwa Latif 05:35
Absolutely.

D Dave Chow 05:36
Yep.

B Beth Oljar 05:37
Trying to replicate the results.

M Marwa Latif 05:39
That's what happens when two chemists are married to each other.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:43
Yeah, that's exactly it. It's like, this is a great time to introduce our guest panelist for this week. Mar Latif from the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. And you took the words right out of my mouth, Mar. When two chemists get married, you better be ready to live this kind of a world here.

M Marwa Latif 05:57
Absolutely. Yes. I never thought about that. Except that we talk about everything. I mean, our conversations about the paint of the car. You know, others talk about baking, we talk about what is rusting in our pipes, and how we're gonna adjust it to make a balance - and a home,

D Dave Chow 06:16
We all have our own unique geek. That's all

B Beth Oljar 06:19
That's perfectly reasonable.



M Marwa Latif 06:21

Yes, absolutely.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:22

We're also being joined this week by Professor Dan Maggio of the FIRST organization. What's up, Dan?

D Dan Maggio 06:28

Hi, Matt. Not much. Enjoying the weather.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:31

I would guess that FIRST is going to have some sort of big national international blowout in 2023. Is that what the plan is?

D Dan Maggio 06:40

We're having our usual championship in Houston. But it'll be I think back to normal. Lots of teams and kids and yeah

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:49

Great. Professor Erin Bell is here with us again, from CETL. Little - Uh, younger people, not little people, but younger people walking behind you. So you're in a high traffic area of the house, huh?

E Erin Bell 07:03

I am. You know, still trying to find that perfect home office space. Lots of kids. I will say this, it allowed for a really awesome group Halloween costume this year, which was also contingent on my husband's ability to grow facial hair. If you didn't see it. We were the - He put the Bob and the Bob's Burgers. And so all these kids that you see behind me were all different folks from that show. So it was pretty fun.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:27

The picture was awesome. I love the family combo costume. All I can tell you is it's been almost 20 years with my oldest and we were only able to pull it off once. I'll send you a picture and see if you can guess what it is.

E Erin Bell 07:41
All right. I love it. Probably a good ATP question in there somewhere.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:45
There you go. There you go. Last but most certainly not least, Professor Dave Chow is here with us.

D Dave Chow 07:50
Pleasure to be here as always.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:52
Excellent. So what fantastical Superbowl commercial are you working on now?

D Dave Chow 07:57
I'm not at the moment.

B Beth Oljar 07:59
Wow,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:00
We need to get on that.

D Dave Chow 08:01
No, right about now, you ready for this? I've been doing a movie for the Metro Canadians minor league team.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:07
(Laughs) It's scratching so many itches for you.

D Dave Chow 08:11

I'm drawing lots of hockey as of late.

B Beth Oljar 08:14
Oh, boy!

D Dave Chow 08:15
So that's okay. It's all good.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:17
It's Canadian. It's hockey. It's a movie. It's my lot in life And FYI, Jim, We just got done approving 101 vendors for Noel Night. So that's coming up. Coming up soon.

D Dan Maggio 08:32
You want to go Jim?

J James Tubbs 08:34
Oh, yeah.

D Dave Chow 08:35
Oh, Jim's already there. What are you talking about?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:36
(Laughs) He's got a little teepee outside he's waiting to jump out of.

D Dave Chow 08:43
He's gonna be like a trapdoor spider

H Heather Hill 08:44
I'll go with you.



D Dan Maggio 08:45
You wanna go?

B Beth Oljar 08:47
Yeah, I'll go.

D Dan Maggio 08:48
Okay. I've never been, so that would be fun.

E Erin Bell 08:51
Oh, we should go together.

D Dave Chow 08:54
Well, now I do have to come up with a new list of who's going to be there. So -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:59
For those who don't know, Noel Night's a nice little thing that CCS does down close to Woodward, big Christmas event had some unfortunate happenings right before the pandemic, if I remember - or in the middle of the pandemic. But I'm guessing things are going to be pretty tight for security and should be a really, really nice event.

D Dave Chow 09:17
It'll be fine.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:18
Great. Folks, This is a program where you send us questions regarding anything. If you stump the panel, you win a prize. You can send the questions to us in a number of ways. You can email us at ATP at UDMercy.edu. Find us on Facebook or Instagram or listen on your favorite smart speaker by asking it to play Ask The Professor at University of Detroit Mercy. Okay. "Dear panelists: Last week, I recall you and the professors joking about getting questions on a specific subject. That subject - the great state of Virginia. Well, I couldn't resist the challenge. Here are 15 questions on the subject of Virginia. Please note quotes around the word Virginia. I hope they prove challenging and enjoyable. Have fun. Regards, Julie Elder of Poughkeepsie, New York." Thanks for sending these in. Julie.

B Beth Oljar 10:10
Cool

D Dave Chow 10:10
Virginia, huh?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:12
Yes. See what I meant, Mar: I knew that this would be right up your alley.

M Marwa Latif 10:15
Well, I don't know. I'm a Michigander now.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:17
(Laughs) You know, you can - What do they say, "You can take the person out of Virginia, but you can't take the Virginia out of the person".

M Marwa Latif 10:26
Oh, no. Never. Yes.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:29
Who are the two senators from the great state of Virginia?

J James Tubbs 10:36
Mark Warner and -

D Dave Chow 10:38
Tim Kaine.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:40
How do you folks know this?

D Dave Chow 10:44
Wasn't he - He was Hillary's vice presidential running mate.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:47
That's right.

J James Tubbs 10:48
Yep

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:48
That's right.

J James Tubbs 10:50
But I also moved here from Virginia. So -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:52
That's right. That's right. That's really interesting, too. There's this long list I remember going all the way back to History class in high school of like, vice presidential candidates that never made it, you know, and when they do fade into the background, it's like, "We're still here. I promise". You know,

M Marwa Latif 11:08
we don't even have a government in Lebanon right now. So I can't complain.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:12
Yeah. It's a true statement. True statement, Mar. You'll have to tell us a little bit more later about your trip this last summer. It was pretty eye opening, right?

M Marwa Latif 11:21
Absolutely amazing.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:22
Professors. What was Virginia Woolf's maiden name? That's what the question says.

H Heather Hill 11:28
Oh, gosh. Come on, Heather. You can do it. No, it's embarrassing.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:37
Heather, it's very, very close to you, very close to you.

D Dave Chow 11:43
Huh?

J James Tubbs 11:44
Hill?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:45
Not that close.

H Heather Hill 11:47
Lee? No.

D Dan Maggio 11:50
Stephen?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:51
It's Stephen - spelled correctly.

B Beth Oljar 11:54
Oh!

D Dan Maggio 11:55
Are you kidding? I was really just kidding, actually.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:58
S T E P H E N. Virginia Stephen. Yeah.

D Dave Chow 12:02
Okay.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:04
What are - I mean, this is right up your alley, Mar. What are the three largest cities in Virginia?
Let's see if we can get two

M Marwa Latif 12:11
Um, Richmond

J James Tubbs 12:13
Richmond, Alexandria and Norfolk.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:16
Okay, this is bananas. Not a single one of those cities is on the list.

M Marwa Latif 12:21
What were they? I thought that Richmond is one of them.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:24
Richmond is not on the list.

M Marwa Latif 12:26



Really?



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:27

That's not what it says here.



Dan Maggio 12:28

Virginia Beach.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:29

Virginia Beach is number one. Yeah, that's what it says.



Beth Oljar 12:32

Because of the naval installation. Yeah, cuz the Navy guys



Heather Hill 12:36

The navy guys.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:39

and gals.



Marwa Latif 12:41

What about Nova?



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:43

Nope, no



Marwa Latif 12:45

Northern Virginia - all of the - Its massive man.



J James Tubbs 12:48
Alexandria.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:49
You know, Alexandria is not on the list. Number two, it says it's Chesapeake. And number three, it says is Arlington. So, this is -

H Heather Hill 12:57
Oh, Arlington. Yeah.

M Marwa Latif 12:58
Arlington is Nova almost.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:01
Oh, is it? Are they the same metro area?

M Marwa Latif 13:03
Because Nova is like a combination of Alexandria and Arlington -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:08
Oh, Nova, like Northern Virginia

J James Tubbs 13:10
Yeah McLean, Alexandria, Arlington. All those are in Northern Virginia.

B Beth Oljar 13:14
So she got the right answer.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:15
I would give her full credit.

B Beth Oljar 13:17
Yep.

M Marwa Latif 13:18
Wow. I'm still in heart a Virginian, I guess.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:23
This is definitely something that Mar learned in her years of Virginia. How many Tomahawk missiles are outfitted in each Virginia class American submarine?

D Dave Chow 13:34
What?

M Marwa Latif 13:37
Okay, you're just really being ironic. I didn't even understand the question.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:41
(Laughs)

M Marwa Latif 13:41
Too much info in one sentence.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:45
How many Tomahawk cruise missiles are outfitted in each Virginia class U.S. submarine?

J James Tubbs 13:51
I'd say 12.

B Beth Oljar 13:53
I'd say 20

D Dan Maggio 13:54
I'd say 48

M Marwa Latif 13:55
I'll go with 50. I don't know.

D Dave Chow 13:57
I'm gonna do the Kendra thing and go 36.

H Heather Hill 14:00
I'm a pacifist.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:02
You're an anti submarineist is what you are. You know what - Dave used the Kendra Evans method which by the way, Mar, means waiting till everybody else answers and then choosing the mean. And he basically hit it spot on. It's 40. You said 36. It's 40. 40 cruise missiles for every Virginia class submarine. Yeah.

M Marwa Latif 14:23
Wow. Good to know.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:25
Don't think too hard. Right. Who founded the University of Virginia?

J James Tubbs 14:29
Thomas Jefferson.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:30
Mm-hm. Absolutely.

J James Tubbs 14:34
"Mr. Jefferson. His wife is right behind the door."

M Marwa Latif 14:36
And they make a big deal of it.

J James Tubbs 14:40
Yep.

M Marwa Latif 14:41
I'm a Virginia Hokie to the heart. So you know -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:44
Yep. So UVA versus Virginia Tech has got to be a big deal, right Mar?

M Marwa Latif 14:48
Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:50
What do Katie Couric and Sandra Bullock have in common with the state of Virginia?

J James Tubbs 14:56
Well, Katie Couric graduated from University of Virginia in 1979.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:00
Holy smokes!

J James Tubbs 15:01
Did Sandra Bullock go there too?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:03
It doesn't say that they have the university in common.

D Dan Maggio 15:06
Were they born there?

B Beth Oljar 15:08
In the same town or something?

J James Tubbs 15:10
She was from Northern Virginia.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:12
Yeah, it says they were both born in Arlington, is what it says.

J James Tubbs 15:15
Okay.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:16
Everybody kind of got there in their own time. Very nice.

M Marwa Latif 15:20
I'm intrigued. How do you think about the year? Jim said "in 1979".

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:26
Yeah, Jim knew it right off the top of his head.

J James Tubbs 15:28
There was an interview with her in the alumni magazine this month.

B Beth Oljar 15:32
Ah!

E Erin Bell 15:34
There we go.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:35
There we go.

B Beth Oljar 15:37
Secret source of information.

M Marwa Latif 15:39
I see.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:40
You know, we do say this is supposed to be unrehearsed, Jim. So we would -

J James Tubbs 15:48
(Laughs) Well, it just showed up in my email box yesterday.

M Marwa Latif 15:51
You need to go and get a lottery ticket.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:54
Oh, yeah. 1.6 billion. What was Captain George Kendall's claim to fame in the great state of Virginia?

J James Tubbs 16:04

Captain George Kendall.

D Dave Chow 16:06
George Kendall?

M Marwa Latif 16:09
Is that before I was born?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:11
It says here "1608". So yes.

D Dave Chow 16:14
Oh, yes.

B Beth Oljar 16:15
Probably.


D Dave Chow 16:16
Yes.


M Marwa Latif 16:16
Well, I only became an American a couple of years ago.


D Dave Chow 16:19
I still haven't been, so -


J James Tubbs 16:22
Was he the captain of the ship that landed at Jamestown?


B Beth Oljar 16:26


 Ben Ojar 16:20
Roanoke?


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:27
You know, it could; be but they're saying here that it doesn't have that level of information, Jim - that he was the first person who was a colonist to North America to be _____ basically.


 Heather Hill 16:42
Killed by an Indian?


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:45
No, it says he was executed by his fellow colonists.


 James Tubbs 16:49
Uh-oh

 Marwa Latif 16:50
Really?

 Dave Chow 16:51
Mr. Congeniality

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:52
Yeah, so the first colonial entity to ever be executed by his peers.

 Marwa Latif 16:57
Wow!

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:58
Yes, he was tried for treason.

M Marwa Latif 17:00
Oh, he went down in history the wrong way.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:02
Yes.

J James Tubbs 17:03
He probably prayed the wrong way.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:08
His hands were upside down. They were pointing in the wrong direction. Ah, of course. What is the tagline on Virginia license plates?

J James Tubbs 17:18
Virginia Is For Lovers

M Marwa Latif 17:19
For Lovers. Absolutely.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:20
For Lovers. Very nice.

J James Tubbs 17:22
It has been since the 70s.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:24
That's true. That is true.

M Marwa Latif 17:26
That's where I found my love story.

J James Tubbs 17:29
That's the last time they hired somebody to do any p.r. stuff for the state.

H Heather Hill 17:35
Make peace not war.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:36
I know. Water Winter Wonderland. That's all I got to say right there.

D Dave Chow 17:41
Yeah, Virginia is for lovers, 25 cents at a time. Oh, sorry. This Virginia had roles in the movies DUNE, CANDYMAN, THE HAUNTING, and HIGHLANDER 2. Who is she?

B Beth Oljar 17:54
Oh, Madsen. Virginia Madsen.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:57
Absolutely. I know it was HIGHLANDER 2 that iced it for you, Beth.

B Beth Oljar 18:02
No, it was CANDYMAN, which is actually one of the scariest movies I have ever seen.

E Erin Bell 18:07
Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:08
It's a great movie.

M Marwa Latif 18:08

Let me write that down. What is it called? Candyman?

E Erin Bell 18:11
CANDYMAN

H Heather Hill 18:13
Yeah, you don't want to watch that, Marwa.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:14
You don't want to watch that, Mar.

M Marwa Latif 18:15
Oh, no? Is it that bad?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:17
It's a horror movie. It's a horror movie.

D Dave Chow 18:20
It's not the Sammy Davis Jr. Candyman thing. (Matt laughs)

M Marwa Latif 18:24
What is the next worst horror movie you can think of?

J James Tubbs 18:28
Ooh, there's a long list.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:29
Candyman is one where when they say his name in the mirror, he appears.

D Dan Maggio 18:33

D Dan Maggio 18:55
I'll give you a horror movie - COMING TO AMERICA. (The professors laugh)

H Heather Hill 18:39
I thought you'd say anything with Tom Cruise in it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:43
Ohhh

D Dave Chow 18:43
No, no, no. Dan. Dan, I was waiting for you to go COMING TO AMERICA. That would have gotten a rise out of Jason.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:50
Oh my gosh. Very funny.

D Dave Chow 18:52
No, no. Golden Child. Golden Child. That's the one I was thinking of.

D Dan Maggio 18:54
Ah, That too. Well, yeah. That's entertaining in its own way. So.

D Dave Chow 18:59
All right.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:59
Okay, back to the questions. What is Virginia Dare's claim to fame?

J James Tubbs 19:06
She's the first child born in the English Colony of Roanoke Island in North Carolina.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:12
That's one way to put it, but I think what we have here from Julie is also good. She was the first English citizen born in North America. Yes.

J James Tubbs 19:24
Right. Unfortunately, she was born in a colony that then disappeared.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:29
Yes. Also true.

B Beth Oljar 19:32
Which is weird.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:34
Which is totally weird. And all I have to say to that is "Croatoan."

E Erin Bell 19:38
I knew you were going to say that. There is like some good lore around the term.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:42
It's just funny stuff.

B Beth Oljar 19:44
Yep. Okay, back to non horror movie related things. In what city is George Mason University located?

M Marwa Latif 19:51
Oh, uh, Fairfax. No, uh -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:56
Fairfax is a city in Virginia. It's not a city in North America.

No, it says Fairfax. Yeah. Fairfax Virginia.

J James Tubbs 19:58

I knew it was Northern Virginia.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:00

Good ole George Mason, we see them in the basketball tournament every year.

D Dave Chow 20:03

Yep. That's about the only time we ever hear about them, right?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:06

Just about. How many acres comprise Arlington National Cemetery?

D Dave Chow 20:13

What? We're not doing Hectares?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:15

Actually, I do have the Hectare conversion here.

D Dave Chow 20:18

(Laughs) I shouldn't have asked. Oh geez.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:20

Actually, I'll let you know right now. It's 259 hectares. Good luck. How many acres is it?

B Beth Oljar 20:21

A lot?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:22

(Laughs) Partial credit.

D Dave Chow 20:32
Oh. Are we gonna start that again?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:33
How many centimeters in a mile?

H Heather Hill 20:37
I have no idea. 500.

B Beth Oljar 20:38
20 square miles.

D Dan Maggio 20:40
So what's the acre to hectare - ? What's the multiplier?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:44
Yeah, I have no idea how many acres are in a hectare, how many hectares are in an acre? No idea whatsoever.

B Beth Oljar 20:51
So is it more than 20 acres?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:53
It's definitely more than 20.

D Dan Maggio 20:56
I would say 2500 acres.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:58
That is a pretty severe overshoot.

J James Tubbs 21:01
I think about 1100 acres. Also a little bit of an overshoot, it says - Oh, okay.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:04
259 hectare is 639 acres.

B Beth Oljar 21:04
Well, Heather was closest then, because she said 500.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:10
Yeah, Heather gets this one for sure. Yeah, absolutely. I just - I smiled really big when I was looking over this question set, because - this was my last year of middle school - grade school, whatever, eighth grade. We had just gotten some brand new Social Studies textbooks, and in a sweeping movement to try to change the entire country all at once, all of the standard measure had been removed from it. And it was all metric. And we were reading about the size of countries and they were listed in "HA", and my teacher over and over again says "I have no idea what that is. I don't know what this stuff means. Why am I teaching this?" And I've never forgotten it. Like who the heck knew what a Hectare was in 1987 or whatever. You know, it's -

D Dave Chow 22:02
Unless you were in 4H or a farmer, you probably didn't.

M Marwa Latif 22:06
Mm-hm.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:06
A couple more questions about the the Commonwealth of Virginia?

B Beth Oljar 22:11
Yes.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:11
Which President presided over the entombment of the Unknown Soldier of World War One at Arlington National Cemetery. Yep. It was Warren G. Harding. Everybody's favorite president.

J James Tubbs 22:19
Harding?

B Beth Oljar 22:25
Right.

J James Tubbs 22:26
Died mysteriously

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:28
Actually, I appreciate that question, Jim, for the reason that - if you had asked me from what conflict the unknown soldier was, even though I believe there are several from every conflict, I wouldn't have known it was World War One. My generation might say it's World War Two, you know, so

J James Tubbs 22:45
Yeah, but that's the one that's entombed at Arlington.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:47
Right There are other unknown soldiers buried around -

D Dave Chow 22:51
From every war, isn't there?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:52
Yeah. From every single company. Yeah, absolutely. What is the tallest point in the state of Virginia rising 5720 feet?

virginia rising 5729 feet?

- B** Beth Oljar 23:03
Somewhere in the Shenandoah Mountains.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:05
It's a mountain name that shares a name with a very famous children's show host from the United States
- J** James Tubbs 23:05
Yeah, it's one of the Shenandoahs. Um, let me think. Peaks Of Otter - No, not Peaks Of Otter.
- D** Dave Chow 23:20
Captain Kangaroo? No, it is not -
- B** Beth Oljar 23:23
I was just gonna go there. Actually. Mount Rogers?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:27
It is Mount Rogers. It Mount Rogers.
- D** Dave Chow 23:29
Oh!
- H** Heather Hill 23:31
Who's the host? Oh, Mr. Rogers! I'm sorry.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:38
No worries. Tom Hanks. I mean, Mr. Rogers. Yes, exactly.





James Tubbs 23:43

Where in the Shenandoah chain is it?



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:45

It doesn't say. It just says that it's the highest point.



Dave Chow 23:49

Kinda like Mount Clemens is here. Oh, this is a great way to finish off the set of questions. A lot of fun - and thanks again for sending them in, Julie. What do Patsy Cline and Tammy Wynette have to do with Virginia?



James Tubbs 24:04

Well, Patsy Cline's from Lynchburg.



Heather Hill 24:06

They both sing songs about Virginia.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:08

That's not what it says here.



James Tubbs 24:10

They were born there, I think



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:12

It doesn't say that either.



James Tubbs 24:13

Patsy Cline certainly was.



Dan Maggio 24:14

Were their songs like state songs of Virginia?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:18
It actually has nothing to do with singing.

D Dave Chow 24:21
Oh

E Erin Bell 24:22
Married or -

D Dan Maggio 24:25
They drove through the state once. (Matt laughs)

D Dave Chow 24:27
Their mother's name was Virginia? (Laughs)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:29
They stopped at the Welcome Center. (Laughs)

M Marwa Latif 24:31
Oh

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:32
No, that's not it. That's not it. Oh, you know what -?

H Heather Hill 24:37
I like Dave's guess.

D Dave Chow 24:39
Are their middle names Virginia?

H Heather Hill 24:40
Yeah

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:41
No, but you're sort of closer than all the singing-related ones. Both of their birth names were Virginia.

J James Tubbs 24:50
Oh

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:51
Patsy Cline is Virginia Patterson Hensley and Tammy Wynette was Virginia Wynette Pugh. So, there you go.

D Dave Chow 25:00
Okay.

M Marwa Latif 25:00
I don't even know who these two people are .

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:02
(Laughs)

D Dave Chow 25:04
You do. You know who they are.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:06
(Laughs) Dave assures you that you know who they are. This is a question you can't get wrong Mar, because we always end shows that are a little short, like today, with what we call a list of the Ask the Professor Imponderables, where we ask every member of the panel to answer a

universal question here. And in this case, we are going to be asked, let's see. What's your favorite canceled TV show or series that you would have loved to have seen one more episode of? That's a great one.

J James Tubbs 25:42
That is a good one.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:43
I mean, I'm just gonna say it for everybody else. I was addicted to LOST when it was out. It's just one of my all time favorites. And if - Uh, the ending was kind of like, okay, all right, the show is over and all that. But if I could have gotten one more episode of backstory, that would have been nice.

H Heather Hill 26:00
Well, obviously BEWITCHED, you know.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:02
Oh, obviously.

H Heather Hill 26:03
No. I'm kidding

D Dan Maggio 26:04
Uh, SCHITT'S CREEK

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:07
Of course, of course, or KIM'S CONVENIENCE.

D Dave Chow 26:10
But are they done though? Are they done done?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:13

Mm-hm

D Dave Chow 26:13
Oh, okay. I didn't know.

E Erin Bell 26:14
I feel like if you wait long enough, they're gonna do a LOST reboot somehow.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:18
Probably.

D Dave Chow 26:18
They will. It'll be called FOUND. Yes. LOST and FOUND

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:23
I appreciate you saying that, Erin, because I always warn my students that we just need a couple more decades before we have the completely American re-envisioning of the Harry Potter universe. Mark my words. It's gonna happen. It's gonna be brutal.

J James Tubbs 26:40
I think I would say I'LL FLY AWAY.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:43
I'LL FLY AWAY. Yes.

D Dan Maggio 26:45
Can you tell us about that show?

J James Tubbs 26:46
Oh, it was a great series. Well acted. It was first on NBC, and then I think on PBS. It was set in The South in the Civil Rights era. And Sam Waterston played a lawyer.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:56
Oh, Sam Waterston. That's right.

J James Tubbs 26:58
But it was one of the best acted shows I've ever seen.

H Heather Hill 27:02
I liked that show a lot, too. Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:04
Very nice. Now, Mar, we haven't heard from you yet.

M Marwa Latif 27:08
Well, for me, I think I haven't had enough of GOLDEN GIRLS.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:14
Oh! Very nice.

M Marwa Latif 27:16
That was my introduction to the American culture.

D Dave Chow 27:21
Oh!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:21
(Laughs) I love it!

J James Tubbs 27:23
I like that too.

I like that too.

M Marwa Latif 27:24

I used to sleep in college just watching it so I can learn my way around the US. I mean, believe it or not, it's still one of my favorites.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:32

That's awesome. Professors, I'm so sorry because we really hit our stride here, but I'm afraid the time has come for us to say goodbye. Dave

D Dave Chow 27:42

See ya,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:43

Erin

E Erin Bell 27:44

Good bye

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:45

Mar

M Marwa Latif 27:46


Good bye


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:47


Dan


D Dan Maggio 27:48


Good bye.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:49
Beth


 Beth Oljar 27:50
Bye


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:50
Heather

 Heather Hill 27:52
Bye-bye

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:52
And Jim.

 James Tubbs 27:53
Goodbye.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:54
And now these words.

 Dan Maggio 27:56
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 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:06
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