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M Michael Jayson 00:02

The University of Detroit Mercy presents a special edition of Ask the Professor. Earlier this summer our panel of professors took a short trip to downtown Detroit. They enjoyed a delightful lunch one of Detroit's favorite burger bars. And then they went over to the Detroit Historical Museum, where they recorded this week's episode of Ask the Professor

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:31

The University tower chimes ring in another session of Ask the Professor, the show on which you match wits with University of Detroit Mercy professors in an unrehearsed session of questions and answers. I'm your host Matt Mio and let me introduce to you our panel for today. Way over on the left is Professor James Balfour Tubbs, Jr.

J James Tubbs 00:51

Yes, here I am. I'm, well. How about you?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:53

How are you, Jim. Excellent. I did not get a chance to sit next to you at our lunch, but there's so many questions I have about a certain submarine. I'll see you after the show.

J James Tubbs 01:04

Oh! (laughs)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:07
Jim is our resident Titanic expert.

J James Tubbs 01:09
Submersible vehicle.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:10
Submersible vehicle. Pardon me. Yes, that's absolutely right. But you've been well, that's great. Are you enjoying your summer?

J James Tubbs 01:16
So far, so good. Yes.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:17
Excellent. Excellent.

J James Tubbs 01:18
I could do without a little smoke.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:20
Well, that's a whole 'nother story.

D Dave Chow 01:22
Blame us Canadians. Why don't you. Thanks a lot.

J Jocelyn Boryczka 01:24
We do.

J James Tubbs 01:25
Ordinarily, you're very nice.

D Dave Chow 01:27
Ordinarily. When have i ever been ordinary?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:30
The really nice guy sitting next to Professor Jim Tubbs is Professor Dave Chow.

D Dave Chow 01:34
Pleasure to be here, as always.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:35
Yes. And be sure to cycle back - even though I think we just did it - and thank Marcy, for helping us set up this great event.

D Dave Chow 01:42
Sure.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:42
We are here at the Detroit Historical Museum in the basement, relatively speaking.

D Dave Chow 01:48
With air conditioning.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:48
With air conditioning, it's nice. It's nice.

J James Tubbs 01:50
In the auditorium.

M Matt Mio. Ph.D. 01:52

We have a chock full auditorium. There are so many people here, that we had to blot out - all the other sound Yeah, exactly. We're blessed to be joined today by Dean Jocelyn Boryczka, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Education. Glad to have you here.

D Dave Chow 01:58
So many people.

H Heather Hill 02:10
Ah-ah, new name!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:11
I know - new name coming. I heard that it was still being workshopped, so I didn't want to use it yet.

J Jocelyn Boryczka 02:15
(Laughs) So, really glad to be here. We do have a new name for the college, the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:23
Excellent. Excellent.

J Jocelyn Boryczka 02:25
We are very excited about that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:30
The College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences.

J Jocelyn Boryczka 02:33
Right on.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:34

So - CHASS

J Jocelyn Boryczka 02:36
It's kind of a cool sounding name. Right?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:37
Absolutely. Absolutely. Great. We're very, very happy to have you here. Jocelyn.

J Jocelyn Boryczka 02:42
Thank you.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:42
Glad you were able to join us for lunch too. Professor Erin Bell is here from our Center for Teaching and Learning.

E Erin Bell 02:50
Hello, it's good to see everyone.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:51
What's going on?

E Erin Bell 02:53
Um, it's been a busy six months. I think the coolest thing I did was travel to Cuba with our awesome Lara Wasner. That was like the best, probably most educational trip of my life; and I am still thinking about it. So I missed all of you. And I'm glad to be back.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:07
Excellent. Yes. We're glad to have you back. It feels like it's been forever, Erin.

E Erin Bell 03:11
It has. I was thinking - I just thought Jim at Christmas, I think is the last time I saw you at the CCS.

...

D Dave Chow 03:17
Oh, Noel Night.

E Erin Bell 03:18
Yes. Yeah. And you too.

D Dave Chow 03:19
when Jim was paying down the student loans for every student. Right?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:22
Yeah, exactly. That's what he does. That's the thing he does. Continuing across the panel, Professor Mara Livezey from Chemistry and Biochemistry is here.

M Mara Livezey 03:31
Hello

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:32
What's going on, Mara?

M Mara Livezey 03:33
You know, just the usual -taking daily naps, doing research with students over the summer, doing my best.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:40
It's, it's definitely something that takes a lot out of you.

M Mara Livezey 03:43
It really does. You know, I hold it down to four students this summer. And four is still a lot.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:49
Yes, it is. Yes, it is. You're responsible for for young individuals' intellectual development. It's such a big deal.

M Mara Livezey 03:55
It's really a blessing.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:57
Yes, absolutely. Continuing along the panel, Professor Beth Oljar is here. I didn't see that you were wearing your Union Jack Beatles t shirt until just now

B Beth Oljar 04:05
Oh, of course. Yes. Well.

P Professors 04:10
(Long pause follows. Then the professors laugh)

B Beth Oljar 04:10
What else needs to be said?

H Heather Hill 04:12
What else needs to be said.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:13
It's the Beatles

B Beth Oljar 04:14
It's The Beatles. Come on.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:16
Well. something about Paul McCartnev. a posthumous track or album aoina to be released?

B Beth Oljar 04:22
They're doing an A-I thing?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:25
Ohhh

B Beth Oljar 04:25
where I think they can bring in John Lennon's voice.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:30
Okay.

B Beth Oljar 04:32
So - they're doing - um, one of the songs that they did in the concert on the top of Abbey Road, the Abbey Road building, I think.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:40
Wow.

B Beth Oljar 04:41
DON'T LET ME DOWN, maybe. I can't remember the song.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:44
I feel like a Christmas release is what I read. It's I mean, why wouldn't you release it right before people are going to be buying that kind of stuff. So we only have a few months to wait. It's almost July. Let's be serious. The fabulous second half of the year is about to begin. Professor Stephen Manning, Department of Retired. Sorry, I didn't introduce you that way Jim. I could have done that, but happy to have you here.

S Stephen Manning 05:07

Happy to be here.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:08
Excellent. In the Rosie the Riveter t-shirt. That's pretty slick.

S Stephen Manning 05:11
Yeah. Yeah. Nice to break up our summer sojourn with something in the mid summer, get together again.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:18
What kind of a sojourn?

S Stephen Manning 05:20
Well, I mean not meeting

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:21
Oh, okay. (The audience laughs) I thought it was something as far as -

B Beth Oljar 05:24
Our summer time off.

S Stephen Manning 05:25
That's probably not what sojourn means. That's what I meant though.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:25
Yes (Laughs) We're glad to have you here, Stephen.

S Stephen Manning 05:31
You see, once you retire, this is what happens.



H Heather Hill 05:34
(Laughs)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:34
You lose all of your faculties

H Heather Hill 05:36
Vocabulary goes in the wrong direction.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:37
Oh, my gosh. Those, of course, are the dulcet tones of Professor Heather Hill from English, sitting right next to Stephen.

H Heather Hill 05:44
Hello.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:45
What's going on?

H Heather Hill 05:46
Oh, writing, gardening, trying to ignore the mulberry stains on our fluffy white husky dog.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:53
Yes. It's everywhere this year. It could be worse. It could be fish flies. I'm just putting that out there.

H Heather Hill 05:59
Oh, yeah, no fish flies. But -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:02
Thanks for that.

H Heather Hill 06:03

Nice to be here.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:05

And last but most certainly not least, from the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, it's Professor Kendra Evans. It's been a long time Kendra.

K Kendra Evans 06:12

Hello. It's good to be back.

J James Tubbs 06:14

Welcome back.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:15

Rockin the Chem Club hoodie from last year, probably our best t shirt or hoodie print ever. It's pretty awesome design.

K Kendra Evans 06:22

Best ever.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:22

Yep

K Kendra Evans 06:22

Yeah, absolutely.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:24

Logo written by or drawn by Sharita Reddy, who is a Biology third year - uh, fourth year. Oh my gosh, We're getting very old. Okay. What's going on with you, Kendra? What are you skipping to be here?

K Kendra Evans 06:37
Research. (The professors laugh) Is this being recorded?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:43
You're allowed to skip research every once in a while. We've gone over this with Mara. It takes a lot out of you.

K Kendra Evans 06:48
It sure does. It really does. I have fewer students than Mara. I'm still very tired.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:52
Yes, yes. Well, folks, let me tell you this is a program where you can send us questions regarding anything. If you take a look at our banner that pretty much covers all the bases. But if you're not here in person using your eyeballs, you can stump the panel by winning one of our prizes or don't stump the panel, you can win a prize that way too. 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. Okey dokey. crack your knuckles because here we go. "Hi, Matt and panel. Here are the five questions and five answers I promised Dave long ago.

D Dave Chow 07:33
Me?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:34
This quiz has a potential for 1,000,005 points. So 50% is the passing grade."

H Heather Hill 07:41
Thank you, Hank.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:41
"Hoping to see you all at Homecoming", our good friend Hank Durkin, honorary professor and CHASS alumni.

B Beth Oljar 07:41
(Laughs)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:48
So, we're going to be looking forward to seeing Hank sometime soon in the future. Okay. It's a very relatively simple, you know, ask here, but you're probably going to do a little bit of head scratching. Who was the last U of D or Detroit Mercy graduate who won the NFL Rookie of the Year award? Not going to have to think too hard for this one.

D Dave Chow 08:13
Dave DeBusschere?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:14
It was not - And so we're talking to NFL. So Dave DeBusschere played in the NBA. That would be quite a feat. Quite a feat.

B Beth Oljar 08:15
The NFL?

D Dave Chow 08:21
Yeah, wrong sport.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:24
I could give you a hint, but I feel like it would just give it away. So

S Stephen Manning 08:28
Can you give us the team?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:30
Let's see. He was actually drafted by the Lions in 1967.

J Jocelyn Boryczka 08:35
Of course.

B Beth Oljar 08:37
I was only a year old, so I'm excused from not knowing this.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:42
You're taking a pass on this one? Oh my gosh, yes. He was actually drafted by an NFL franchise, obviously, before he earned his degree in 1973.

S Stephen Manning 08:55
Alex Karras.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:57
Alex Karras is a great, great guess.

S Stephen Manning 09:00
Thank you.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:05
What if I said that you could have visited this person a little while ago if you were looking for a Farr better deal?

D Dave Chow 09:13
Mel Farr?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:14
Mel Farr. Yes. Who opened a very, very famous car dealership in Metro Detroit, offering a Farr better deal in his commercials.

D Dave Chow 09:23

So that's where he earned his cape.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:25
Yep.

J James Tubbs 09:25
Yeah.

J Jocelyn Boryczka 09:29
Fantastic.

J James Tubbs 09:30
Mel Farr Superstar.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:32
Exactly. He called himself the superstar. I actually have a T shirt with him - his cartoon on it. I think it's the coolest thing ever. He started at UCLA, got drafted before completing his degree in 67, won Rookie of the Year and finished his degree at Dear Old U of D in 1973. So that's your trivia for today. Who was the last U of D or Detroit Mercy graduate who wrote a book that turned into a Paul Newman movie?

H Heather Hill 09:58
Elmore Leonard?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:59
Elmore Leonard. Yes, who wrote HOMBRE other Leonard books turn movie starring famous people. That's all one word by the way. I think that's great. THE TALL T, 310 TO YUMA, VALDEZ IS COMING JOE KIDD, JACKIE BROWN, GET SHORTY and OUT OF SIGHT. All fantastic movies and -

B Beth Oljar 10:18
Well, now they're gonna have a new version of the show JUSTIFIED that'S set in Detroit.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:23

That's right. Called CITY PRIMEVIL Yep, that's coming up relatively soon, right, Beth? For those who like live TV or streaming be looking out for it. Also is probably the closest I'm ever going to get to being cool. Because the year that I graduated, Detroit Mercy - 1997. I was lucky enough to be able to give a speech on stage and he followed me, earning the honorary degree. So he looked - I love the guy, uh - Yeah, I know he passed X number of years ago, but he looked pretty weathered at that point, too. So we're glad that he was able to be around for a little while.

B

Beth Oljar 10:28

I think so.

D

Dave Chow 11:01

Well, that's because you set the bar so high. Oh, yeah. I'm sure.

J

Jocelyn Boryczka 11:04

He was worried. Yeah

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:05

I shared a stage with a very famous writer. Who is the last U of D or Detroit Mercy graduate to be awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom? 1958 was this person's graduation year. Whoop. This is a great one.

D

Dave Chow 11:19

Oh, boy.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:20

That is a great one.

B

Beth Oljar 11:22

Presidential Medal of Freedom.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:23

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:23
Mm-hm. Yep.

D Dave Chow 11:24
Uh-oh, we're gettin' stumped.

H Heather Hill 11:28
George C Scott.

D Dave Chow 11:31
Where's Roy Finkenbine when you need him? I feel like this might be a little bit removed from the general things that we talked about. So I feel like there's not going to be an easy way I'm going to be able to give some clues on this one. So he was a mission commander at NASA. The flight operations team members for Apollo 13 were all awarded the medal the day after the Apollo 13 crew returned safely. So it's kind of a big deal. And here's the bonus question for who played this person in the movie Apollo 13. Mark McClure, who is probably better known for playing Marty McFly's older brother Dave in the Back to the Future movies. He was also Jimmy Olsen.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:11
Mm-hm, His name is Glynn Lunney. Glynn Lunney, class of 58. So I'm sorry, you just lost all million and four points.

J James Tubbs 12:20
Hank had to do a lot of digging.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:22
Yes, he did. Yes, he did.

J Jocelyn Boryczka 12:23
He used the Google machine, right? (Laughs)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:30
Who was the last U of D/Detroit Mercy graduate to win a Primetime Emmy?

B Beth Oljar 12:33
Keegan Michael Key.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:38
Keegan Michael Key, class at '93 It rhymes and make sense. Outstanding variety sketch series for Key and Peele on Comedy Central. Yes, absolutely. And last one, we were only given five questions. So, Hank, just like, swoops in and sweeps out, you know, like a bird in the night. Who was the last U of D/ Detroit Mercy graduate, who was mayor of the great city of Detroit.

J James Tubbs 13:05
Dennis Archer.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:05
It's not what it says here. It says bachelor's degree, Econ/Accounting. 1952. Also got a law degree from our law school. And he instructed for 55, 56 and 57, Mayor of Detroit from 1970 to 1974.

D Dave Chow 13:22
Oh, Gribbs?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:23
Yes, it was Roman Gribbs. Yeah, absolutely.

B Beth Oljar 13:26
Way before I moved here.

E Erin Bell 13:27
You have a deep repository of knowledge.

D Dave Chow 13:29
I iust have this mental block that iust kind of soaks up information.

I just have this mental block that just kind of soaks up information.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:32

I don't know if Hank knew all that jazz was coming, but I can't help myself - at our last president's inauguration, Dr. Antoine Garibaldi. He goes by Ray apparently, he had written Ray on his nametag and sat next to me at the inauguration dinner, never once mentioning his direct connection to the great history of the city and the university and was just an old guy Ray, who was making a whole bunch of jokes and whatever, and leaves and someone comes up to me afterwards. "You know, that was Roman Gribbs. Right.? And I'm like, Roman - Ray, there's no connection. How am I supposed to know?"

K

Kendra Evans 14:08

(laughs)

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:09

Yeah, until Mike Duggan, we would have said that he was the last white mayor of the city, which is what Roman was known for for a very, very long time. So Okay, thanks, Hank, for sending in those questions.

B

Beth Oljar 14:20

Those were good.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:20

Those were very good questions. We'll see if we can do another deep dive. You'll have to forgive me, professors. These are questions that I cobbled together myself. Detroit history for summer 2023. We are in the Detroit Historical Museum after all, it only makes sense, right? Let's see who wants to tackle, The Detroit River is not a river. Explain

J

James Tubbs 14:34

It's a straight.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:42

It's a straight. That's absolutely correct.

D

Dave Chow 14:46

As opposed to a curve.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:47

(Laughs) Between two lakes. Ooh, bonus points. You know, whatever. I don't care about grading too much anymore. I just need you to actually do the work. How long is the Detroit River or the straight Do you know- in miles? did it 30

J

James Tubbs 15:02

Isn't 31 or something like that?

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:02

You are very close. It's 28. 28 miles.

D

Dave Chow 15:03

Close enough for government work.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:08

Yep.

J

James Tubbs 15:09

Which government?

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:10

(Laughs)

D

Dave Chow 15:10

I'm getting blamed.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:13

if I tell you that Joseph Campau was John Williams uncle, that's funny because why?

D Dave Chow 15:21
John Williams the conductor?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:23
Nope.

D Dave Chow 15:23
Oh.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:26
If I tell you that Joseph Campau was John Williams uncle, why is that funny? Oh, I'm surprised -

D Dave Chow 15:34
Did we miss a punch line? We're dying on stage.

E Erin Bell 15:36
Is it a Hamtramck connection?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:36
There's a context clue that you're not seeing here. The Hamtramck connection - you're getting there. Joseph Campau is very well known in one of the two cities that's completely surrounded by the city of Detroit. Getting closer

D Dave Chow 15:55
Highland Park?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:56
Nope. Nothing to do with Highland Park.

H Heather Hill 15:58

None of this is making me laugh, so - (The professors laugh)

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:02

So I guess it's not funny to Heather.

D

Dave Chow 16:04

They broke perogi together?

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:05

No, no. Joseph Campau is also the name of the main drag through Hamtramck and John Williams is John R. Williams. Much much better known as John R, the street. Number one question asked by outside of Detroiters is "Who is this John R guy?" And that's just his middle initial. That is not his last name.

H

Heather Hill 16:25

Still not funny.

M

Mara Livezey 16:25

I never knew that.

D

Dave Chow 16:27

We're rolling in the aisles.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:30

All right. This is a some softballs to get us going again, Detroit was the first city in the world who assigned these individual digits to a person.

D

Dave Chow 16:39

Phone numbers

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:39

Phone numbers. Yes, absolutely. First time ever we had phone numbers attached to individuals. I thought this was wild. Possibly funny. Probably not. In the 1850s. You know, the 1850s, Detroit was known for horse racing in a very unique place. Do you know?

D Dave Chow 17:04

In a circle? In the water.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:07

No. Not Belle Isle, but you're getting close, Jim

J James Tubbs 17:07

Belle Isle?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:09

In the water on the frozen river. Detroit was known for frozen river horse racing.

J Jocelyn Boryczka 17:17

Frozen river horse racing?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:19

Yes

J Jocelyn Boryczka 17:20

So the horses ran across the frozen river.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:22

Exactly. Ran across the frozen river.

J Jocelyn Boryczka 17:25

That sounds very dangerous Sounds more like cruelty than -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:30
It does. Yeah, it does at some level.

H Heather Hill 17:34
Horses are togher than that,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:39
The most interesting thing I found in the you know, deep Wikipedia dive that I did for these questions is the fact that the provenance for that piece of information is none other than former United States President U.S. Grant who grew up for a short while in the Detroit area. And remembered the frozen river Detroit horse races.

D Dave Chow 18:00
I'm just trying to think - for those frozen horse races. So do you get like a slightly chunky jockey or you still go the petite jockey? Or maybe they're just going with a sled on their, you know, hooked up to a sled. Who knows? Yeah,

H Heather Hill 18:12
We need to look for pictorial evidence.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:14
(Laughs) I bet we could find it.

B Beth Oljar 18:16
I'm sure

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:16
Well, that's pre-photography by about 15 years, but we can figure something out.

H Heather Hill 18:21
See, that's funny.

D Dave Chow 18:21
It's nothing that illustrators can't take care of.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:23
All right. All right, w've got to get back to funniness for Heather here. Let's try this for size. How many times has Detroit formally petitioned to host the Olympics ?

D Dave Chow 18:33
Once

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:33
That is incorrect, unfortunately.

D Dave Chow 18:35
Twice. That's right.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:36
It has been way longer than three times.

M Mara Livezey 18:36
Three times.

J James Tubbs 18:38
Seven times

H Heather Hill 18:39
Kendra

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:40
More than seven times.

H Heather Hill 18:42
Kendra

K Kendra Evans 18:43
Nine?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:43
Nine is correct. (The panel applauds)

B Beth Oljar 18:48
And she used math. We know she used math.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:52
That's such a classic. I'm never gonna let you live that down Kendra for a million years. And I believe that Dave will probably jump all over this one. In what year did we become the runner up to host the Olympics?

K Kendra Evans 18:55
(laughs)

D Dave Chow 18:58
'68?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:02
1968. Yes.

D Dave Chow 19:05
It was with Detroit AND Windsor.

- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:07
It was going to be Detroit and Windsor together, the first international Olympiad. Yes.
- B** Beth Oljar 19:11
Well, you know, the, the whole black power moves actually would have been kind of cool. In Detroit even cooler because they were in Mexico City and 68, if I remember correctly.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:20
That's right. That's right.
- B** Beth Oljar 19:21
Right:? So that maybe the athletes would not have been criticized, had they done that in Detroit.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:28
That's righr
- S** Stephen Manning 19:29
That was a year after the riots.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:33
Well, yeah. But you you're petitioning seven or eight years ahead of time to host those Olympics. Yeah. Yeah. And we cannot forget that those who know the history of the city and Wayne State University - our state university that's downtown, (our sister, sibling institution), will know that almost all of the major sports arenas that Wayne State has were built to show that we could build those arenas for the Olympics. And that's the reason why we have them. All right. Another softball. This one shows up every time. I think I even said to myself, "I'm not going to do it, because we hear it every time, but why not. What the hay. Citizens of the United States eat four pounds of this annually; but Metro Detroiters eat seven pounds annually. What is it?
- D** Dave Chow 20:18
Potato Chips.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:19
Potato chips is the correct answer. Yes, we are the chip capital of the world.

B Beth Oljar 20:25
Better Made.

J Jocelyn Boryczka 20:26
Always Better Made.

D Dave Chow 20:27
Yeah, because Jim and I, we eat 14 a piece and make up for everyone else.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:32
That is a lot of chips. I mean, chips are pretty light if you think about it, so Wow.

J James Tubbs 20:37
Individually,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:38
Okay. (Laughs) Jim, someone posted - It's an old meme a line a few weeks ago. - It's like "When you take the entire expanse of the universe, like into account. me eating this brick of cheese is like totally insignificant".

J James Tubbs 20:55
Totally.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:00
Oh my gosh. A little serious history here. As the last stop, (last time I checked) on the Underground Railroad, Detroit's codename was what?

B Beth Oljar 21:11



Northstar?



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:12

That's a great answer. But that is not it.



Heather Hill 21:15

But wrong.



Dave Chow 21:15

North Windsor?



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:16

Nope. (Laughs) Not North Windsor (The professors laugh) Windsor is the promised land.



Heather Hill 21:22

Might we have a hint?



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:24

Ah, you know what, Northstar is good. It's sort of in that wheelhouse. It has to do with the time of day.



Dave Chow 21:33

Time of day? High noon?



Stephen Manning 21:35

After midnight,



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:36

Midnight was the nickname of Detroit. Yeah, because that's how far you had to get - right? All the way up to midnight.

D Dave Chow 21:43

I thought you were going along the lines of like fourth meal or something like that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:46

Mm-mm. This was, um - this is a totally wild reference, but what the hey, This was actually brought up a number of years ago. There was a very, very prominent playthrough role playing video game that was centered in the city. And just a giant chunk of the city got scanned to be in the game. And it was all about sentient servant robots trying to make it to Canada where they could be free. And they were basically mirroring the history of the Underground Railroad in that way. Pretty interesting.

D Dave Chow 22:15

There's a great exhibit outside.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:17

Yep, that's right. I believe that most of you were tuned in to this. It was just last weekend. Kind of a big deal. What most famous speech was debuted in Detroit in June 1963.

J James Tubbs 22:29

Oh, Martin Luther King, I Have A Dream.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:31

Yes, there was a big, big - uh, it's too bad it got rained out on one day, gathering last weekend to commemorate the fact that it was June 1963 that the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his I Have a Dream speech, tweaked it a little bit; and then a few weeks later gave it on the National Mall. Oh my - According to lore, so this is not official. And if that makes it funny, good for Heather. (The professors laugh) What percentage of illegal alcohol in the United States came at some point through Detroit during Prohibition?

J James Tubbs 23:06

62 per cent

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:07

62 is low based on the number I have.

B Beth Oljar 23:09
79

D Dave Chow 23:09
110 (The professors laugh)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:13
Let's let everybody say a number and then I'll go to Kendra.

H Heather Hill 23:16
79.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:17
Everybody done with their number?

J James Tubbs 23:19
71

M Mara Livezey 23:19
87.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:21
All right, Kendra, for the Showcase Showdown.

K Kendra Evans 23:23
I was gonna go with 87

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:25
I'm sorry

I'm sorry.

K Kendra Evans 23:26
I was gonna go with 87.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:27
87. It's a little high. Your magic is wearing off. 70%. 70% of all the alcohol in the United States came through the closest, although very wet international border in the United States.

D Dave Chow 23:38
We just know what Detroit lishes are. . That's all.

M Mara Livezey 23:41
Good for us. "Good for us", Mara says.

H Heather Hill 23:42
We're talking about drinking, not rubbing. Right?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:45
True. Oh, absolutely.

D Dave Chow 23:46
Yeah. That rubbing alcohol.

B Beth Oljar 23:48
If you haven't seen that movie with Sean Connery, you'll love it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:52
In the grand total of all of the four big professional sports. So I'm talking at football Americano, baseball, hockey and basketball, championships, where does Detroit rank in total sports championships versus other cities?

H Heather Hill 24:08
Wow.

K Kendra Evans 24:08
Oh, goodness.

S Stephen Manning 24:09
Second to last. (the audience laughs)

B Beth Oljar 24:12
Well, we've got some hockey, Stanley Cup wins, right?

D Dave Chow 24:12
as of late

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:16
We're taking all the Super Bowls.

D Dave Chow 24:19
Oh, that many.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:20
We're taking all of the World Series championships, all of the Stanley Cups and all the NBA championships, where do we rank versus all the other cities with those totals?

D Dave Chow 24:31
So the WNBA doesn't help and the ?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:33
WNBA might be counted in this

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D Dave Chow 24:36
Oh,

B Beth Oljar 24:38
Where do we rank among cities that have -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:40
all of those sports

S Stephen Manning 24:41
Oh, in that case, how many cities actually have all four major sports?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:44
That's a good question

B Beth Oljar 24:45
because that's not going to be as high as -

M Mara Livezey 24:47
The bottom 40%.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:47
Yep So you know, the answer is third, behind only Boston and New York.

P Professors 24:56
Wow!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:57

That is it. That's all you need to know.

H Heather Hill 25:00
Boston is number one?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:01
Boston is number two.

B Beth Oljar 25:04
New York is number one

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:05
New York is number one owing to their 28 Yankees Worlds Series wins.

J Jocelyn Boryczka 25:09
Yeah

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:09
I mean it's gonna be hard to top that. Although I will mention - to make Heather and by extension Stephen feel better - that there is only one Major League Baseball team with a winning record versus the Yankees in the playoffs and that's the Tigers, so we carry that flag all the time.

S Stephen Manning 25:26
That probably doesn't include the Brady Era Patriots, because they're New England Patriots not Boston - So, if you add them -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:33
Oh, it's technical.

B Beth Oljar 25:33
But they cheat

But they cheat.

J Jocelyn Boryczka 25:33
I'm a Tigers fan. I'm from Detroit. It's true.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:35
(Laughs) Yeah, what about the inflation of the footballs? Right? That was a big deal.

J Jocelyn Boryczka 25:49
My husband was at the game. Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:51
Professors. Detroit's Richard Davis invented what - after being attacked on a pizza delivery trip, back in the 70s?

H Heather Hill 26:03
Mace?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:03
Mace is a good guess. It is incorrect.

B Beth Oljar 26:05
The taser.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:06
I haven't heard it yet.

D Dave Chow 26:09
What else? Bad pizza.

J Jocelyn Boryczka 26:10

J James Tubbs 26:12

Tiny pepperonis.

D Dave Chow 26:14

The Noid (Laughs) He invented the Noid. I'm not joking, Mm 11 year old came up to me about a month ago, "Dad, what is the Noid?" Sit down, son? Let's have a conversation. You don't want to know

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:26

You do not want to know

H Heather Hill 26:27

Could you repeat the clue again.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:28

Detroit Richard Davis invented what after being attacked delivering pizza back in the 70's?

H Heather Hill 26:34

So, there's no - Oh, 1970s?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:37

Mm-hm. I can tell you that it is - I mean, this is pretty much a giveaway. But it usually involves a polymer with the trade name of Kevlar.

D Dave Chow 26:48

A bulletproof vest?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:51

A bulletproof vest.

J James Tubbs 26:53

That was a pizza delivery man that came up with that?

That was a pizza delivery man that came up with that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:55
That was a pizza delivery guy.

H Heather Hill 27:00
It's interesting that we all went with offensive.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:03
It's true.

K Kendra Evans 27:04
Right

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:05
And hewas on the defense. You know, "I gotta get this pizza delivered. Alright, get out of my way."


B Beth Oljar 27:10
There's something very American about this story. (Matt laughs)


D Dave Chow 27:15
Defensive pizza driving.


B Beth Oljar 27:17
That this is how we came up with Kevlar.


J James Tubbs 27:19
Uh-huh.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:20


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:20
Yep


 James Tubbs 27:20
for pizza delivery.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:21
And I gotta say, if you've ever fooled with polymers before, (which I have), a stack of Kevlar, like a sticks, you could break it in your hands like it was nothing. But if a 747 hit it, it would maintain its integrity and bounce the plane back. That's how a bulletproof vest works. It's kind of an interesting property.


 Dave Chow 27:39
So are we saying the next Nobel Prize laureates are gonna come from DoorDash and Grubhub?


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:43
Uh, possibly. Don't forget Uber Eats, okay. equal time. I'm afraid professors that the time has come for us to say goodbye, Jim.


 James Tubbs 27:54
Good afternoon,


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:56
Dave.


 Dave Chow 27:57
See ya


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:58
Jocelyn.


 Jocelyn Boryczka 27:58


 See you soon.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:59
Erin.


 Erin Bell 28:00
Good bye


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:00
Mara


 Mara Livezey 28:01
See ya next time

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:02
Beth Stephen


 Beth Oljar 28:03
Bye


 Stephen Manning 28:04
Good bye


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:04
Heather

 Heather Hill 28:05
Bye bye


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:05

 Matt MIO, Ph.D. 28:05
and Kendra

 Kendra Evans 28:06
Toodaloo.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:07
And now these words.

 Michael Jayson 28:09
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