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Beth Oljar, James Tubbs, Erin Bell, Mara Livezey, Dan Maggio, Dave Chow, Matt Mio, Ph.D., Danielle Maxwell

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:00
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. We have been trading memes like you wouldn't believe. Professor Beth Oljar,

B Beth Oljar 00:19
I was like "Wait a minute, a day has gone by when Matt and I have not exchanged some utterly silly meme. What? The world is turning in a different direction.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:29
"They're eating the dogs."

B Beth Oljar 00:31
They're eating the dogs

J James Tubbs 00:32
And cats

D Dave Chow 00:34
And Coooo

And Geese.

- B** Beth Oljar 00:37
Oh, my Lord, Beth sent me meme I couldn't believe he really went there during the debate, although, you know, why was I surprised?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:44
Beth sent me a meme with a big orange cat with a Fanta wrapper on the outside of it, so it looked like a two liter.
- D** Danielle Maxwell 00:50
Oh, the orange cat.
- B** Beth Oljar 00:52
Oh, you sent that to me, I think. The cats disguising themselves as -
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:58
Oh, that's what it was.
- B** Beth Oljar 01:00
as things of soda.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:01
Oh, my gosh. It's so funny. I feel bad for the dogs and the cats and the geese.
- D** Dave Chow 01:06
And the Haitians.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:08
Well, I definitely feel bad for the Haitians.

J James Tubbs 01:09
The people that are being slandered in this way.

B Beth Oljar 01:11
The pets seem to be doing okay, according to the city. So,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:14
Well, that's good.

J James Tubbs 01:15
Yeah, the pets are doing fine.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:16
Yes. Oh, that was the other one. The picture of David Muir going "I went to school for a long time to tell somebody they're not eating the dogs. Next question" (The professors laugh)

D Dave Chow 01:26
His journalistic integrity was intact.

B Beth Oljar 01:29
Monorating a debate. It's such a tough job.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:33
Oh, meanwhile, the dean of the neighborhood over here, Professor Dave Chow

D Dave Chow 01:37
Pleasure to be here, as always.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:38
Have you met our new neighbor next to me yet?

D Dave Chow 01:41
No, not yet.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:42
Okay,

D Dave Chow 01:42
I've seen people working on the house left and right,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:44
Right, but I don't know if it's the tenant.

D Dave Chow 01:46
I don't know either. But here's the thing, they keep on leaving the upstairs light on all night long.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:50
They do.

D Dave Chow 01:51
Not that we watch.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:52
You know who would know if that light was on all night? Dave Chow,

D Dave Chow 01:57
Yes, because it faces my house

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:58

Yes. And actually, the neighbors directly next door to them, they moved out-

J James Tubbs 02:02
And even your telescope can't tell you what's going on.

D Dave Chow 02:05
What telescope? (The professors laugh) I have the satellite chiming in, that's all. No

B Beth Oljar 02:10
This is going to be "Rear Window, the Berkley version"

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:13
I know.

D Dave Chow 02:13
And I dont need to break my leg for it too. So that's good.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:16
Thanks for updating us.

D Dave Chow 02:17
No, I it's just interesting because - I don't know if you remember when the gal that used to live there - she moved in what, like, eight years ago,

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

D Dave Chow 02:24
Well, she bought the house, and I remember, you know, and the house is relatively empty, so, you know, her mom and her they went down to Vinsetta for dinner that night,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:33
How did that conversation go? Okay

D Dave Chow 02:33
And all of a sudden they came back, and all sudden, I look out the window and I knew the house still vacant. All of a sudden there's a flashlight in there. It was fine. It was fine

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:38
Ohhh!

D Dave Chow 02:39
So I called the cops!

J James Tubbs 02:40
Oooh!

D Dave Chow 02:41
And the cops came and busted her, and all she had was the key to the house. She had no paperwork

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:45
Oh, no.

M Mara Livezey 02:45
Oh, boy.

D Dave Chow 02:45
So she had to talk her way out of it. So I had to, like, explain, "I'm so sorry. I'm the I'm the guy that called the cops on you in the middle of the night." Her mom had always thanked me, but I always felt bad.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:01
That's good

B Beth Oljar 03:02
"Sorry for nearly getting you arrested, neighbor".

D Dave Chow 03:05
Yeah, all you are is a t shirt and shorts and a key. That's all, she didn't have I.D.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:09
Oh, my gosh!

J James Tubbs 03:10
Now is this the house that yours backs up to, or the one beside you?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:13
The one next to my driveway.

J James Tubbs 03:15
Oh, okay

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:15
It's right there

D Dave Chow 03:17
Yeah. Oh, I think the other house sold too. The sign is gone.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:19
Oh See? Alright

D Dave Chow 03:21
atAnd the Tubby's in are neighborhoods closed

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:22
I know that I would get all the latest news by talking to this guy. Second only to that, Professor Dan Maggio.

D Dan Maggio 03:32
Hi, I'm the Gladys Kravitz of my street, by the way, so. I'm doing fine. Thank you. But can I make a correction from last week?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:40
Of course

D Danielle Maxwell 03:41
Oh, wow.

D Dan Maggio 03:42
It bothered me after I left, and I did watch parts of Monty Python, the Holy Grail, and they do not say "Fin". So I didn't want to lie. But now I'm not sure where I'm remembering it from.

B Beth Oljar 03:56
They don't say what? Any French film.

D Dan Maggio 03:57
Remember we were talking about "Fin"?

B Beth Oljar 03:58
Oh,

B Beth Oljar 03:59

D Dan Maggio 03:59
So I think it's actually Kids in the Hall.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:01
at Okay.

D Dan Maggio 04:02
The reason I bring it up is our vast viewer base might remember, and they could kind of drop us a note, but I really don't feel like watching every single episode of Kids In The Hall. That wouldn't be terrible. Just to figure out, like, where I saw that.

B Beth Oljar 04:20
Well at the end of The Artist,

D Dan Maggio 04:24
Yeah, but no, this was -

J James Tubbs 04:26
I think all of those Truffaut films ended with "Fin"

D Dan Maggio 04:29
So anyway, a little challenge.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:30
All right, ok

D Dave Chow 04:32
Do we need to call David Muir and ask him for the fact check?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:35
We, we have a crack team of people

J James Tubbs 04:38
Cracked. We are cracked, thats for sure.

D Dave Chow 04:40
Hopefully they will get off the crack

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:42
Professor James Balfour Tubbs is here

J James Tubbs 04:43
Hello,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:46
As always, looking through the forest of microphones.

J James Tubbs 04:48
Looking through the forest. The octopi.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:51
That's right

J James Tubbs 04:52
Between us.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:53
So how's Week Three for you?

J James Tubbs 04:55
Oh so far, so good.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:56
Okay

J James Tubbs 04:56
They have their first quiz next week, so we'll see.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:59
Any differences from the last time I spoke to you about how your classes were going? You were like, "hey're not really reacting to anything".

J James Tubbs 05:05
Well a little more, a little more. One of the classes, definitely. The other one, sort of

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:12
Okay,


J James Tubbs 05:13
There's just - There's just some - hmm


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:19
(Laughs)

J James Tubbs 05:19
There's some vegetating folk


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:21
Okay


D Dave Chow 05:22


 Dave Snow 05:22
Do you need to pipe in some lithium or something?


 James Tubbs 05:24
(Laughs)


 Beth Oljar 05:25
They're just modeling a persistent vegetative state


 James Tubbs 05:28
That's right


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:28
Oh, okay

 Danielle Maxwell 05:29
They're being demure and mindful (The professors laugh)

 James Tubbs 05:29
That's right That's right, being mindful of something other than whatever the classes is talking about

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:37
You know, but they're there. I gotta give you some credit for - If they're there and you're noticing

 James Tubbs 05:41
That's true, they're there

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:42
That's half the battle,

J James Tubbs 05:43
They're there.

E Erin Bell 05:44
They're there.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:44
They're there indeed.

B Beth Oljar 05:45
The bar keeps getting lower.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:47
Look- if they're still breathing -

J James Tubbs 05:50
They are breathing also,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:51
Done deal. Done deal.

B Beth Oljar 05:53
It's like, "Do you have a pulse?"

J James Tubbs 05:54
And actually looking at me.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:56
Oh, okay.

J James Tubbs 05:57
And not their phones,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:58
Okay.

D Dave Chow 05:59
Eye contact?

J James Tubbs 06:00
Yeah. So that's a lot, right there.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:01
That is a lot. Professor, Erin Bell, now you've got one section, two sections of 1310?

E Erin Bell 06:07
How do you know that? I do have two sections of 1310

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:09
Well I mean, I look at the schedule,

D Dave Chow 06:11
We're Berkley stalkers.

E Erin Bell 06:12
Wow.

M Mara Livezey 06:13
Creeping on that.

E

Erin Bell 06:14

I was hoping to do this, like, really cool segue from "They're, there" to do a little pretentious number on Gertrude Stein, and "There is no there, there".

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:24

Oh, nice.

E

Erin Bell 06:25

And we are reading "There There" in the Science, Technology and Race learning community, which is a really awesome book, but

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:31

There you go

E

Erin Bell 06:31

1310, two sections. I don't know if this was wise, but I did the thing where I married the classes, or I made them, you know, parent and child, whatever, familial. So now, when I'm scoring outlines, it's like all 44 outlines in a row -

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:44

Right

E

Erin Bell 06:44

and I don't - I think maybe I liked it - I don't know how I feel about that.

M

Mara Livezey 06:49

You don't get a break.

E

Erin Bell 06:50

Why don't you tell our listeners what 1310 is, Yeah, 1310, is Academic Writing. So we have College Writing and we have Academic Writing. So very, very important now, thinking about

College writing and we have Academic writing. So very, very important now, thinking about credible sources and fact checking and research,

J James Tubbs 07:05

Imagine that. Imagine finding a source that's credible. Wow,

D Dave Chow 07:10

Shock and amazement.

E Erin Bell 07:11

No, I think we have a certain past person that was in office that might benefit from the fact checking in the 1310 but

J James Tubbs 07:18

No, it would require reading

E Erin Bell 07:20

Right

D Dave Chow 07:21

And complete sentences.

E Erin Bell 07:22

Right.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:23

Well, Professor Mara Livezey is here with us, first time this season, We're glad to have you back. And what's it like to be in the saddle again?

E Erin Bell 07:27

Yay

J James Tubbs 07:31
Yay

M Mara Livezey 07:32
Oh, it's great. Yeah. I mean, eight months off, family leave was beautiful. I love my daughter so much. But I love my job. I love my colleagues, and I love, you know, having more than one aspect of my life to juggle. I love being back with my students. It's gonna be good semester

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:41
Nice

D Dave Chow 07:44
What about us

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:54
And it always helps when the temperature of the classroom you're teaching in is below 100 degrees Fahrenheit,

M Mara Livezey 08:00
Yes. The first week or two of class was challenging in a room that warm without air conditioning,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:07
Which I know the denizens of Briggs

M Mara Livezey 08:09
Know plenty about,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:10
On a visceral level

D Dave Chow 08:11
The sweat lodge of the campus

J James Tubbs 08:13
You were teaching at Briggs?

M Mara Livezey 08:15
No, we have a wing of our building that doesn't have air conditioning.

J James Tubbs 08:20
Oh,

M Mara Livezey 08:21
just the central part does. And I don't teach in the central part,

J James Tubbs 08:24
Oh

M Mara Livezey 08:24
but I really like that classroom, because you can move the desks around, and we work in groups.

J James Tubbs 08:29
Uh-huh.

M Mara Livezey 08:29
That's cool.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:29
Yeah

M Mara Livezey 08:30
Uh, you win some, you lose some

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:31
Yes, that's right. Finishing up with the table, Professor Daniel Maxwell is here. Third week of your career in the bag. What have we learned this week? "Anybody coming to office hours" was gonna be my first question.

D Danielle Maxwell 08:44
Yes, people are coming to office hours, which is a big, big step. We're still working on that for my husband, though

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:51
Okay, just to be clear -

E Erin Bell 08:53
Your husband is coming to your office hours?

D Danielle Maxwell 08:54
I should provide more context for that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:56
Her husband is not going to her office hours. He's also an adjunct in our department

J James Tubbs 09:00
Ohh

B Beth Oljar 09:01
Ok

D Dave Chow 09:03
I though he's making appointments to see you .

J James Tubbs 09:06
I was wondering about these office hour frolics. (The professors laugh)

B Beth Oljar 09:11
I know this job can be hard on marriages, but I haven't ever heard it getting quite that bad.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:15
Oh, my gosh.

J James Tubbs 09:16
Marriage enhancing. (The professors laugh)

D Danielle Maxwell 09:19
No, he is an adjunct, and every day we text each other and say, "Did someone come to your office hours today?" And it's like, "Yes, people did come to my office hours today". I also finally got ahead on course planning, so that was a big win for today.

E Erin Bell 09:32
Enjoy it while it happens. It wont always.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:32
Nice.

J James Tubbs 09:32
Good.

D Danielle Maxwell 09:37

Yeah, Its just the first year.

B Beth Oljar 09:38

No one is coming to my office hours yet.

J James Tubbs 09:40

Now are most people who come to your office hours also in your class? (The professors laugh)

D Dave Chow 09:46

Or are they asking for the water fountain?

D Danielle Maxwell 09:48

Most are, once in a while. I'll get someone this is like, "I was told to come visit you". And I'm like, "Hi, how are you?"

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:55

"I was told the restrooms were in this vicinity."

D Dave Chow 09:58

Where's C 114. That is always a question.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:00

Oh yes. We all get that question. Folks, this is a program where you can send us questions regarding anything. If you stump the panel, you win a prize. If you don't stump the panel, you win a prize too. You can send us the questions in a number of ways. 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. "Dear Matt and professors: My sincere apologies for not sending in more questions. Our family's been struggling to come up with new Imponderables, not that it's an excuse, but also curtailed our research for new questions a bit. No excuses, though, whenever one of us comes across an interesting fact or tidbit we think is worthy of the show, we write it down and input it into a Word document on the family computer. It's then reviewed and edited". Whoa

J James Tubbs 10:46

They edit?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:47
"by yours truly before it reaches your fine show".

D Dave Chow 10:49
This sounds like tenure.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:50
It does. "The recent list was skimpy, and I think the following 20 questions are somewhat worthy of the show and they meet with your blessings and airing" Well, here we are, "As always, warmest greetings from Valencia, California, Frank and the family Burroughs"

J James Tubbs 11:03
Any updates on the weather in Valencia?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:05
You know it's warm. Really, really warm. I hope that your house is still standing, Frank. They've got all those wildfires out there right now.

D Danielle Maxwell 11:16
Mm-hm

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:17
What is the theory behind why nearly every Starbucks uses round and not square tables?

D Dave Chow 11:25
For space, isn't it?

D Dan Maggio 11:27
So you don't bump the edges when you're walking by with your coffee.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:30
That was the first thing I thought about. That's not what it says here. It's not functionally like -
Oh, this so hard.

D Dave Chow 11:36
is it a spacial thing?

D Dan Maggio 11:37
Is it a Feng Shui thing?

J James Tubbs 11:39
It's a copy of their seal?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:41
That's -

E Erin Bell 11:43
Asthetically appealing,

D Danielle Maxwell 11:44
Is it for storage?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:45
No

D Dan Maggio 11:46
I was just gonna say, is it for stacking?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:47

There's a - Okay, this is about as far as I'm willing to go. There's a psychological aspect to having circle -

D Danielle Maxwell 11:52
Community building?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:54
I'm gonna say community building. If solo coffee drinkers are at square tables, they feel more lonely than if it's circular.

J James Tubbs 12:00
Oh, true. That's true.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:02
I don't know.

J James Tubbs 12:03
Yeah,

M Mara Livezey 12:04
Okay

J James Tubbs 12:05
Costco uses round - like - you know, what do you call those?

D Dave Chow 12:10
Cocktail tables?

J James Tubbs 12:11
The tall ones, for people that are going to be eating alone, eating a hot dog alone. And square ones for groups.

D Dave Chow 12:18
The \$1.25 hot dog.

J James Tubbs 12:21
\$1.59

D Dave Chow 12:22
Oh good lord

E Erin Bell 12:23
Eating a Costco hot dog by yourself

D Dan Maggio 12:25
I don't know how you know that.

J James Tubbs 12:27
If you'd spend as much time in Costco as I do, and you'd eat a \$1.25 hot dog.

E Erin Bell 12:27
Its more sad than a coffee.

B Beth Oljar 12:28
I'm sure Matt goes to Costco just for the hotdog

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:33
No, I do not, I've never had a Costco hotdog, except that I buy Costco hot dogs to eat at home

J James Tubbs 12:38
I love it, except they've already got Christmas stuff out

- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:41
My mother in-law, however, if she was here on the air, she would say, "Dad took me out to lunch today." And I go "Costco?" (The professors laugh)
- J** James Tubbs 12:52
My mother loved it, if we took her to Costco for a hotdog. She thought that was great.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:57
What percentage of text messages are read within three minutes of the viewer receiving them?
- M** Mara Livezey 13:02
90.
- J** James Tubbs 13:02
It depends upon the age of the person receiving it.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:04
Its exactly 90
- D** Dan Maggio 13:06
90?
- M** Mara Livezey 13:08
I think I've heard this before.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:09
We have this thing in the Mio family. I know I brought it up before. I'm texting one of my teenage sons. "This is a really important thing. All I need back is a thumbs up or an acknowledged or something". I never get anything back. They could be in a ditch. They could

be on the planet Mars. I have no idea. Texting is for immediate response. That is what we say. And not everybody believes that. So 90%. What is the name of the band - I love this - created by Foo Fighters Dave Grohl to exclusively cover classic Bee Gees songs?

D Dave Chow 13:42
Dee Gees

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:44
I'm sorry.

D Dave Chow 13:44
Dee Gees

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:44
The Dee Gees. That's exactly right. Dave Grohl, yeah that's exactly it.

B Beth Oljar 13:50
A, I think that's really cool. And B, I'm surprised that Dave Grohl is a Bee Gees fan.

D Dave Chow 13:56
Why not?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:58
I'm surprised about a lot of things unfortunately

D Dave Chow 14:03
If you guys want to see something absolutely hilarious -

B Beth Oljar 14:05
Nirvana, it's like,

D Dave Chow 14:06
if you want to see something hilarious, the Dee Gees actually trolled the Westboro Baptist Church.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:11
Oh, nice.

D Dave Chow 14:12
They played on the back of a flatbed truck.

J James Tubbs 14:14
Good for them

D Dave Chow 14:17
And drove by and trolled them

J James Tubbs 14:18
More power to them.

D Dave Chow 14:19
It was wonderful.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:22
What famous American comedian once said, "I couldn't wait for success, so I just went ahead without it." I mean, that's classic self deprecating humor.


D Dan Maggio 14:30
Rodney Dangerfield?


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:31


It's in the Dangerfield zone, but it's not


 Dan Maggio 14:33
Don Rickles?


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:35
No.


 Dan Maggio 14:35
That's too old.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:36
No


 Dave Chow 14:36
Buddy Hackett?

 Beth Oljar 14:37
Not John Wayne

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:37
Initial JW . That probably gives it away. He was, he was a big guy.

 Dave Chow 14:48
Jackie, Joe

 Danielle Maxwell 14:50
Jeff

 Dave Chow 14:50

John, Jeremiah?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:53
All right, we're done here.

D Dave Chow 14:54
Oh,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:54
it's Jonathan Winters.

J James Tubbs 14:56
Oh, Jonathan Winters,


E Erin Bell 14:58
if you had said Robin Williams' idol


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:03
Oh


D Dave Chow 15:03
Or son on Mork and Mindy.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:05
Or son on Mork and Mindy, that's right, Who were the four original human cast members of Sesame Street when it made its debut in 1969? And I will take their regular names or their stage names,


E Erin Bell 15:18
Mr. Hooper,


 Dave Chow 15:19
Susan

 Erin Bell 15:20
Gordon


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:21
And?


 Erin Bell 15:21
Maria?

 Dave Chow 15:22
Bob,

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:22
Bob,

 Danielle Maxwell 15:23
Bob,

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:23
Bob. Bob, Susan, Gordon and Mr. Hooper.

 James Tubbs 15:26
Wow

 Erin Bell 15:27
I loved Sesame Street.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:28

Bob, played by Bob McGrath, Susan, played by Loretta Long. Gordon played by Matt Robinson and Mr. Hooper.

D

Dave Chow 15:28

So did I

D

Danielle Maxwell 15:35

You mean, those weren't their real names?

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:37

Some of them weren't, but some of them were. I got to bring this up, because it's perfectly timed. I freaked out a lot of people in the office this week because we mined a lot of old Sesame Street for some reason during the pandemic. Don't ask. I found out all of Sesame Street is online, so you can watch whatever you want, going all the way back. There is an episode from, I think, 1972 or three, where James Earl Jones shows up.

E

Erin Bell 16:01

Yes,

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:03

He wants the perfect egg cream. "I must have an egg cream. Do you have the best egg cream?" And he's dressed like this, perfectly, like gentleman, and everybody keeps recognizing him. And he goes, "Please give me the egg cream". And every time he wants to take a drink, someone comes in and wants to take a picture with him, or something like that. It is awesome. And if you don't know what an egg cream is, you're gonna have to look it up, because it's weird.

E

Erin Bell 16:25

We had them at Herschel's.

D

Dave Chow 16:26

Exactly. I know.

- E** Erin Bell 16:27
Egg cream extraordinaire
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:28
See
- D** Dave Chow 16:30
Have you seen the James Earl Jones doing the ABCs for - Oh, yeah, absolutely,
- E** Erin Bell 16:33
That's gone viral.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:35
So sorry, James Earl Jones
- J** James Tubbs 16:37
I know. He had a very long life. What do Poland, Japan, Tunisia and Turkey have in common?
Yeah,
- D** Dave Chow 16:45
As we look at the United States map out of habit.
- M** Mara Livezey 16:45
Yeah, right.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:50
Illinois. Partial credit.
- B** Beth Oljar 16:51
Poland. Japan

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:53
Tunisia and Turkey.

D Dave Chow 16:55
Yeah.

D Dan Maggio 16:56
Does it have anything to do with the Olympics?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:58
Oh it's sort of incidentally Olympic, but not necessarily

D Dan Maggio 17:02
They've never hosted - No, that's not true,

D Dave Chow 17:03
Yeah. A lot of people have never hosted.

B Beth Oljar 17:06
but Japan has.

D Dave Chow 17:07
I'm thinking Tunisia. Tunisia's claim to fame is what? Star Wars, right?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:11
Oh, well, that's true, yeah, but that's not what it is

B Beth Oljar 17:16

It was filmed there?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:17
Yeah, but that's not - That's not what the connection is.

B Beth Oljar 17:19
Does it have something to do with World War Two?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:22
No, not the world war

D Dave Chow 17:23
World war three?

J James Tubbs 17:24
(Laughs) Not yet,

B Beth Oljar 17:27
Timeout

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:29
No, the symbols of these countries have something in common.

E Erin Bell 17:34
The colors, the red and white?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:36
All their flags are red and white. Yes. Very well done.

D Dave Chow 17:40

Wait, where's my Canada flag?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:43

It's not on the list.

M Mara Livezey 17:44

Too obvious.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:46

Too obvious. Then we would have, "Oh, yeah. Giant yellow country above us". Out of all the actors that have portrayed The Joker on film, who was the tallest? And for the record, movies and TV,

J James Tubbs 17:59

Cesar Romero.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:00

Cesar Romero was six three, yeah. How in the heck did you know that?

D Dave Chow 18:04

It wasn't Jared Leto

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:06

Joaquin Phoenix was actually the shortest. at 5' 8".

E Erin Bell 18:08

Really? Oh, He's 5'8?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:11

Yeah. Yeah, that's kind of wild.

D Dave Chow 18:14
It's the heels.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:15
What is the name of the airline that flies federal employees to Area 51?

E Erin Bell 18:20
I don't know, but sign me up.

D Dave Chow 18:23
It's got to be something like - Is it a real name, or is it just kind of like a made-up name?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:28
It's kinda both of those things at once

D Dave Chow 18:30
Like Alien Air or something?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:31
I can't stop myself, Transgender Alien Prisoner Airlines, I don't know

B Beth Oljar 18:32
Southwest Airlines Didn't he say they were doing transgender

J James Tubbs 18:45
Transgender sugeries.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:48
My kids - We are watching the TV all the time and those ads come on. It's like illegal alien drug dealers and Emmett draws a classic arav with like drugs in his hands. I'm like "lust ston"

dealers, and Emmett draws a classic gray with ink, drags in his hands. I'm like, just stop. Yeah, I can't get it out of my head. No, it's weird. The Joint Air Network for Employee Transportation,. Okay but it's the army, right? So they call it JANET. No one ever calls it by -

B Beth Oljar 18:48
At school.

M Mara Livezey 19:10
Janet?

D Dave Chow 19:10
Janet Air?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:11
So, yeah, nothing alien

B Beth Oljar 19:13
Definitely a source of good acronyms in the US army.

D Dave Chow 19:16
I like our names for them better.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:19
Let's see who knows they're American South. We could consult the map if you've got good eyes.

D Dave Chow 19:23
Jim?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:24
What city's nickname is "The heart of Georgia".

J James Tubbs 19:28
Oh,

B Beth Oljar 19:29
Charleston, Savannah, Atlanta?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:32
I haven't heard it yet.

J James Tubbs 19:33
Augusta?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:33
No

J James Tubbs 19:34
Oh, the heart of Georgia.

E Erin Bell 19:34
Macon It is. It's Macon. Oh, Professor Bell's on a tear. It's the new bifocals.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:47
I've always wanted to go to Macon, Georgia, absolutely. All right. Let's see. This female singer was born in Tucson, Arizona, earned 11 Grammys.

J James Tubbs 19:59
Linda Ronstadt?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:01
It is Linda Ronstadt. Inducted in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. star on the Hollywood Walk of

is Linda Ronstadt inducted in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame alongside Dolly Parton and Emmylou Harris, and a Latin Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award.

- J** James Tubbs 20:12
She had a lot to say about Donald Trump having a rally in the Linda Ronstadt Arena.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:20
That's right.
- B** Beth Oljar 20:21
It's such a shame she can't sing anything
- J** James Tubbs 20:23
it is.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:23
Oh my gosh, yeah. Her, and um, Huey Lewis, completely has lost his voice
- D** Dave Chow 20:28
Neil Diamond too
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:29
100%
- D** Dave Chow 20:30
Julie Andrews
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:31
So messed up

J James Tubbs 20:32
yeah.

B Beth Oljar 20:32
What? Julie Andrews?

J James Tubbs 20:33
Yeah. She hadn't been able to sing since Victor, Victoria,

B Beth Oljar 20:37
Wow.

D Dan Maggio 20:37
Since surgery

J James Tubbs 20:38
She had surgery on her throat, and it messed up her vocal chords.

D Dave Chow 20:41
Somebody slipped

B Beth Oljar 20:43
She was so good in Victor Victoria,

J James Tubbs 20:46
Mm-hm, she was great. And she was in it for about two years before that, but then she couldn't sing anymore.

B Beth Oljar 20:50
Oh, dear!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:53
Pay close attention to the phrasing of the question. What is the official mascot of Purdue University?

J James Tubbs 21:00
A boiler? Oh, it's a locomotive.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:03
So, it is a locomotive. Purdue Pete is the athletic mascot. The mascot of the university is the Boilermaker Special, a Victorian era railroad locomotive. Yes,

B Beth Oljar 21:16
Not, the drink, the Boilermaker?

M Mara Livezey 21:18
It's the train.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:18
Considering, some of us went to Big 10 schools here for grad school, undergrad, whatever. It is, the coolest college football tradition ever, because even though it's an old locomotive, it starts on the other side of campus and moves real slow towards kickoff, and everybody just gets on it -

E Erin Bell 21:18
That's cool

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:24
and then the train goes into the stadium, and all the students get off, and that's really cool. It's really-

J James Tubbs 21:43
Cool

Cool

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:43
It's really really cool if you never seen it.

D Dan Maggio 21:44
It's literally, a train?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:46
It's a train.

D Dan Maggio 21:46
It's not somebody in a costume. (The professors laugh)

M Mara Livezey 21:51
Oh no

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:51
No you're right(Professors laughing)

D Dave Chow 21:58
Yeah Tommy The Titan is not going to be giving piggy back rides, okay?

D Danielle Maxwell 22:01
We have a golf cart

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:02
Tommy Titan was on the golf cart the other day.

D Dave Chow 22:06

I was looking for piggyback rides. They have never been to Dan Maggio's kitchen.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:07

Speaking of, well, this gives it a little bit away, but maybe not, because there's 18 now. What do Stephen Colbert, Seth Meyers, Julia Louis Dreyfus, Cloris Leachman and Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens all have in common? Hint, the Big 10,

B Beth Oljar 22:11

They went to big 10 schools?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:19

Yeah, they went to a Big 10 school.

E Erin Bell 22:27

One in particular.

D Dan Maggio 22:30

Big 10? Michigan?

J James Tubbs 22:31

Northwestern?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:32

You don't know the Stephen Colbert connection, huh?

D Dan Maggio 22:35

I don't

D Dave Chow 22:36

Northwestern.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:37
It is Northwestern.

B Beth Oljar 22:38
I dont know any big 10 schools. I don't follow college football

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:42
He did a show live after Biden finished talking on the first night of the DNC, Stephen Colbert, and it was in Chicago.

J James Tubbs 22:42
Before that, he went to Hampden-Sydney College. Oh yeah

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:52
My sister waited in line for three hours and got tickets and got to go in, and it didn't even start to like, 2am.

E Erin Bell 22:57
Oh, my goodness!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:57
It was wacky, but it was awesome. What city is purportedly the birthplace of Galileo?

B Beth Oljar 23:06
Not Pisa.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:07
It says Pisa here,

D Dave Chow 23:09

it's not Macon, Georgia.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:11

Macon, Georgia. Yes, exactly.

E

Erin Bell 23:14

I just had Queen stuck in my head after that.

M

Mara Livezey 23:16

Yeah. Sings: "Galileo!"

E

Erin Bell 23:19

That's what I thought

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:20

(Laughs) Macon. As of September 2023, so it's been a little bit. How long has Snapchat been in existence? So if we say September 2024

D

Danielle Maxwell 23:29

I was in high school, so -

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:31

Oh, dear God.

D

Dave Chow 23:32

Oh yesterday, then

D

Danielle Maxwell 23:33

Yeah, yesterday exactly.

M Mara Livezey 23:35
Let's call it solid 15

D Danielle Maxwell 23:40
2013

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:40
15.

D Danielle Maxwell 23:40
2013. So what is that? 11?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:42
11?

D Dan Maggio 23:44
Six and a half

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:45
Six and a half

B Beth Oljar 23:45
No idea.

J James Tubbs 23:47
No clue.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:48
It says 13 years. 13 years. Split the difference

M Mara Livezey 23:52
It happened when I was in college, I just couldn't remember when

D Dan Maggio 23:55
Well, I have avoided using it for 13 years.

J James Tubbs 23:57
Yeah. I have too.

M Mara Livezey 23:58
Well done.

D Dan Maggio 23:59
Thank you.

D Dave Chow 23:59
I have nieces that have tried to get me to use it

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:02
I'm looking in a decidedly Dan direction.

J James Tubbs 24:05
Oh! With what is the name of the river that bisects Traverse City north from south?

D Dave Chow 24:13
Oh, dear Lord, Dan, come on

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:14
I put him on the spot, and I feel bad.

D Dan Maggio 24:16
Boardman, no, it's Boardman Lake,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:19
It is the Boardman River!

D Dan Maggio 24:22
That's a lot of pressure. You need to warn us.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:28
The Boardman River, using the indigenous name, is the Ottawa

M Mara Livezey 24:33
Ottawa.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:34
What percentage of Canadians possess at least one college degree? Now we're looking at Dave

D Dave Chow 24:40
Oh, great. I never got my degree from

D Dan Maggio 24:42
46%

D Dave Chow 24:42
Mara you went to school in Canada

M Mara Livezey 24:44
68

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:45
I just all these numbers are coming out.

D Dave Chow 24:47
No, no. This one goes to Mara. I never graduated from -

M Mara Livezey 24:50
68

D Dave Chow 24:51
I'm gonna go higher. I'm gonna go 85

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:53
Okay, and I heard 70 something,

B Beth Oljar 24:55
75


D Dave Chow 24:55
85


D Danielle Maxwell 24:57
58


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:57
it says 56%


E Erin Bell 24:59
Wow.


 Danielle Maxwell 24:59
Nice


 Beth Oljar 25:00
Now we have to contrast this with one of my favorite American statistics


 Dave Chow 25:04
Oh

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:04
How many Americans have at least one college degree?


 Dave Chow 25:06
25%

 Mara Livezey 25:07
23 30. Wow. That's less than I would imagine.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:08
30

 Danielle Maxwell 25:13
That's says a lot.

 Dan Maggio 25:14
I would never have guessed that.

 James Tubbs 25:15
I'm not so sure

I'm not so sure.

M Mara Livezey 25:18
And this is why Canada is better than the united States

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:21
Right, exactly, exactly. What percentage of Japanese centenarians, people who live beyond 100 years, are female?

J James Tubbs 25:33
80

D Dave Chow 25:34
Yeah,

D Danielle Maxwell 25:34
70

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:35
I'm giving it to you. It says 88 That's high. Right? Absolutely. Oh my gosh. I don't know what we're gonna do. And probably, you know, Stephen is gonna listen to this, and he's gonna be very upset. It's a baseball question. What former Detroit Tiger holds the distinction of being the only MLB player to hit 500 hits for four different teams? Dave might know this too.

M Mara Livezey 25:36
Okay.

D Dave Chow 25:57
Rusty Staub?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:58
Rusty Staub

- E** Erin Bell 25:59
Okay. I was going to go with Kirk Gibson, because that's the only Tiger's player I know.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:04
That's just incredible
- D** Dave Chow 26:05
I remember when we got him, he was toward the tail end of his career
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:09
Charlie Blackman batted for the Rockies yesterday. I swear to God, he's 46 years old. I don't even, I didn't even know he was alive.
- D** Dave Chow 26:16
Did he even use gloves?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:17
I mean, I'm not gonna say anything about how old these players are, because they're also very, very young. They make me want to cry. Let's talk Imponderables here. So we're gonna go around the table.
- J** James Tubbs 26:30
We're gonna ponder
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:32
Were going to ponder We're gonna ponder the imponderables It feels like something that some of you might raise an eyebrow to, but let's just see we can do with it. What is your favorite piece of furniture of all time. So maybe, like
- D** Dave Chow 26:43
Furniture?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:43
a kind of furniture, or actually, you're, you know, you have a connection to a piece of furniture,

M Mara Livezey 26:49
I have a good one. It would be my king size bed where I sleep. Having upgraded from a queen. There's a big difference.

B Beth Oljar 27:01
I remember when Drew and I did that It was like, "This is glorious"

M Mara Livezey 27:05
Yeah, we did it early on in my pregnancy

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:07
Oh, of course.


D Dave Chow 27:09
A pregnancy upgrade. Okay, gotcha.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:11
Yeah


B Beth Oljar 27:12
it's either my bed or my recliner. One of the two


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:16
Yeah, 100%. We like to sit.

B Beth Oljar 27:19


 Beth Oljar 27:19
I really love my bed


 James Tubbs 27:20
Actually, I think my favorite piece of furniture is a small drop leaf table made of American black walnut - BECAUSE my dad made it and signed it at the bottom of the drawer. In 1966

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:20
We like to sleep. That's nice.


 Beth Oljar 27:37
The year I was born.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:41
Aww. Lets see, looking at everybody else,

 Danielle Maxwell 27:43
My standing desk.

 Erin Bell 27:45
Ohh!

 Danielle Maxwell 27:45
I love my standing desk.

 Beth Oljar 27:47
Good for the back, probably.

 Danielle Maxwell 27:48
Very good.

J James Tubbs 27:49
Yes.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:49
That's a big deal.

D Dave Chow 27:50
I was gonna say it's my drawing board, but that thing's in hock right about now. So, I mean, I don't even use it. What do you mean you don't use it? Oh, everything's digital. Yeah, everything's digital. So, you know, I bought, I remember, I was a second year student at CCS. I went and bought like \$600 hydraulic. That table moves, spins, does every angle you can imagine. I remember, I spent a fortune on that thing. It weighs a proverbial ton, but I don't use it, so it's still nostalgic.

D Danielle Maxwell 28:16
Does it have a fancy light that comes through.

D Dave Chow 28:18
No, no, no, I didn't need a light table. I can always cheat in that one.

B Beth Oljar 28:21
So what about a tiki thing? Do you have a tiki -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:24
Tiki furniture?

D Dave Chow 28:25
No, I don't have Tiki furniture. I don't sit on my tikis.

B Beth Oljar 28:28
Okay

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:29
Dan, I know you're working this.

D Dan Maggio 28:30
I don't feel strongly about my furniture.

J James Tubbs 28:33
Do you not cherish your furniture?

D Dan Maggio 28:38
No, I don't have really any of my furniture left, because it went into storage and it has since been given away to a variety of people and organizations.

D Dave Chow 28:47
What about your desk chair that you sit at while you work? Comfy?

D Dan Maggio 28:54
if we were gone when I went home, I wouldn't cry. I don't know. I don't feel - Probably a couch that I had once, which was longer than five foot six, and wide - so I could sleep on it.

D Dave Chow 28:56
Oh, okay.

M Mara Livezey 29:04
Oh, yes.

D Dan Maggio 29:05
and it was just very comfortable

B Beth Oljar 29:07

Was this couch that you had in the condo, the IKEA one?

D Dan Maggio 29:12
No.

B Beth Oljar 29:13
Different one.

D Dan Maggio 29:13
Oh, that was horrible.

B Beth Oljar 29:14
Okay. I didn't think it was horrible.

D Dan Maggio 29:17
Couches are nice when you get them, but after a year, you're like, What the hell was I thinking?
No, it was long before that. I don't even know. I'm not sure that we had even met yet.

B Beth Oljar 29:26
Oh,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 29:26
Well, this is very, very interesting. I don't know how I would answer the question, but Leslie and I had a very nice chair after we got married. And I know this is kind of weird. It was almost like a cross between canvas and denim was the covering. You could have dropped it off the top of the Empire State Building, and it would have just stayed in great shape Twill, probably

D Dave Chow 29:47
Like a duckcloth canvas, kind of thing

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 29:49
Yeah, and it was, it was just, it lasted forever. And sometimes I think about that piece of

mean, and it was, it was just- it lasted forever. And sometimes I think about that piece of furniture, sometimes, like right now.

D Dave Chow 29:58

Erin, come on what - You've got kids too. So, There you go

E Erin Bell 30:02

Yeah, we've been through so many iterations of furniture. But this is weird. My grandparents had both passed away. My uncle cleaned out the house and someone bought it. However, please don't judge. We were driving by and I saw this old chair that had been in my grandparents basement, and I was like, "Oh, part of me just wants to pull that out of the trash" but I didn't, but my husband did, and for my birthday, he covered it in bird fabric, because I like my birds It's not super functional, but it belonged to my grandparents, and I still have it in my room.

B Beth Oljar 30:10

That's very cool

E Erin Bell 30:11

The bells do garbage picking,

D Dave Chow 30:13

No. It's called reclamation

J James Tubbs 30:17

It's reclamation

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 30:42

Upcycling

J James Tubbs 30:43

On Bargain Block. Keith and Evan. Keith said that his favorite day of the month is the day in Detroit when they'll pick up anything that you put out by the street,

D Dave Chow 30:53
Or go to Ann Arbor

J James Tubbs 30:54
They would go to their truck down the street and pick this up and then redo it and put it in the houses that they were renovating.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 30:59
Yep.

B Beth Oljar 31:00
I do have a table that belonged to my grandparents. I still have it.

D Dave Chow 31:04
There you go.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 31:04
Nice. Well, I'm afraid, professors, that's all the time we have for today. The time has come to say goodbye. Danielle,

D Danielle Maxwell 31:12
Adios,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 31:13
Mara

M Mara Livezey 31:14
See ya

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 31:14



Erin



Erin Bell 31:15

Bye



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 31:15

Jim,



James Tubbs 31:16

Farewell.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 31:17

Dan,



Dan Maggio 31:17

Goodbye.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 31:18

Dave,



Dave Chow 31:18

See ya



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 31:19

And Beth



Beth Oljar 31:19

auf wiedersehen



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 31:19



Matt MIO, Ph.D. 51:19

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