

atp 2537

Fri, May 16, 2025 3:58PM 29:47

SUMMARY KEYWORDS

National parks, attendance policies, student absences, Yellowstone, Denali, Sequoia, Glacier, Biscayne, Mesa Verde, Mount Whitney, Yosemite, Great Smoky Mountains, Olympic National Forest, Bigfoot, altitude sickness.

SPEAKERS

Speaker 2, Beth Oljar, Danielle Maxwell, Stephen Manning, Dave Chow, Michael Jayson, Speaker 1, Heather Hill, Dan Maggio, James Tubbs, Matt Mio, Ph.D.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:02

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. To my right, from the Department of English, it's Professor Heather Hill.

H Heather Hill 00:19

Hey

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:20

Hey. Yeah, so you can't just come to half your class and expect to be able to do well?

H Heather Hill 00:25

No

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:25

Come on.

H Heather Hill 00:26

Yeah, we were just talking about attendance policies and issues here at our beloved University. And, yeah, I mean, what's the most shocking about it is that the students think that it's a legitimate question to ask.

H Heather Hill 00:38

"Hey, Dr Hill, I'm only gonna be able to be able to make the Tuesday of the two class session per week meetings". You know, no, no, that's not gonna work.

B Beth Oljar 00:47

But now we can't penalize them for it unless it's explicitly in the syllabus.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:47

Right.

H Heather Hill 00:54

Well, yeah

B Beth Oljar 00:55

and I don't know how to make them prove that their absences - I mean, some of them do prove their absence are legitimate, like they were in a car accident. They send me pictures of their car or whatever.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:02

Yeah, that's hard. That's just very hard.

B Beth Oljar 01:03

because you're right. I want to be able to make sure that there's a substantial deterrent -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:06

Right

H Heather Hill 01:12

Yeah, Let's lighten the mood.

B

Beth Oljar 01:12

in effect

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:12

Absolutely. It's tricky. I mean, I believe we heard Professor Stephen Manning, next in line here, talking about not worrying about attendance when you were teaching, but with all due respect, I don't think the website "takeyourclassforyou.com" existed back then, and since the students can just drop 500 bucks on getting any grade they want in any class, it's very possible that someone's out there doing the work for them. And we believe in our students when they do the work that they're supposed to do, but it usually comes from outside assessment. I'm trying to lighten the mood at least a little bit here. So,

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:31

Yeah. Moving on to Professor Dave Chow, I was going to ask him how the climate is 80 feet away from my house,

D

Dave Chow 01:31

about the same for the most part. Of course, we did find out we've got new neighbors on the north side of me now

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:57

Really?

D

Dave Chow 01:58

Yes.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:59


On the north side.


D

Dave Chow 02:00


They've got two golden retrievers.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:00
Oh, okay., so they're gonna be up against your fence a lot.


 Dave Chow 02:00
Yes


 James Tubbs 02:02
Or over it, in your garden.


 Dave Chow 02:08
They could be. Well, they're Golden Retrievers, they're not like Heather's whistle pigs, so I'm okay

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:14
Okay


 Dave Chow 02:15
Well, I'm hoping they'll bark loud enough to keep the rabbits away.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:15
Oh, that'd be nice.


 Dave Chow 02:15
because right about now my kitchen and my back room looks like Frank's Nursery right about now, so


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:24
for those who remember.


 Dave Chow 02:25


 Dave Chow 02:25
Yes,

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:26
Yes, Frank's Nursery


 Beth Oljar 02:27
Marcy is putting together the garden?


 Dave Chow 02:30
She is staking out the garden like she's making an invasion on Normandy right about now.


 Heather Hill 02:35
Oh, I may have to sneak over

 James Tubbs 02:37
in the middle of the night.

 Dave Chow 02:40
I better tell her to electrify the moat then. That's all.

 Heather Hill 02:42
Oh, my gosh.

 Heather Hill 02:43
Plant missing here. Plant missing there.

 James Tubbs 02:46
With your vegetable basket.



M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:48
Professor Jim Tubbs is here with us today.

J James Tubbs 02:51
Hello, hello.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:51
Hello, hello. What's going on in your world, Jim?

J James Tubbs 02:54
Oh, not a whole lot. Well, Stephen can talk about the profession of retirement.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:02
Ah

J James Tubbs 03:02
Still have meetings, but other than that -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:05
Yeah, well, I mean, you're here. That counts as -

J James Tubbs 03:07
I still haven't found time to binge watch all of these show series that you've been talking about.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:11
Well, we've got to take care of that, don't we?

J James Tubbs 03:15
I watched one season of Babylon Berlin on Netflix, and really liked it, but it took a long time for the next series to come out, and I haven't gotten back to watch them yet.

B Beth Oljar 03:26
And it's not always the easiest thing in the world to follow.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:26
Yes

J James Tubbs 03:28
Right.

B Beth Oljar 03:29
because of the different plot lines and characters and everything they have.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:34
Well, I'm with you from the perspective of where I come from, because at this point, we basically have waited almost four years for the next season of Stranger Things. Pretty sure those kids are not children anymore. So this should be really interesting, interesting to see what they do with the plot, you know?


J James Tubbs 03:49
Yeah

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:49
Yeah, it's been a while. Professor Dan Maggio is nodding. So you might have been a Stranger Things guy at the time


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:56
Yeah


D Dan Maggio 03:56
Yeah, exactly. Like, I'll have forgotten half of it, and I don't really feel like rewatching it.


 Dan Maggio 03:56
I mean, I've moved on.


 Dan Maggio 03:56
I was, but after four years -

 Dan Maggio 04:00
Four seasons to catch up. I mean Game Of Thrones was a challenge enough.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:05
It's true.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:09
That's a challenge.


 Danielle Maxwell 04:10
So, binge party the Mio house


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:12
Yeah


 Dave Chow 04:12
Hey, which isn't that far from your new house.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:15
That's true.


 Dan Maggio 04:17
Wait, wait, what?


 Beth Oljar 04:18
You guys bought a house in Berkley?

 Danielle Maxwell 04:20
Yeah, we bought a house.


 Heather Hill 04:21
Oh, congratulations.


 Danielle Maxwell 04:23
In Berkley


 Dan Maggio 04:23
Where?

 James Tubbs 04:24
Nice.

 Heather Hill 04:24
So you haven't moved in yet?

 Danielle Maxwell 04:26
No, no. We move in June 3.

 Heather Hill 04:28
Oh, nice.

 Dave Chow 04:29
Okay, remember June 3. We're all on vacation, right?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:31
That's right.

D Dave Chow 04:32
Our backs went out.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:34
Dan, you'll appreciate this, and of course, Dave and others may as well. This is just a block away from where my grandparents house is, which my aunt and uncle live in now, and there's just, just this very interesting house, this just compound of a house that is cornered off by a church parking lot. So to the uneducated eye, you drive by and go, "Why does that house have a 500 car parking lot right next to it? like, parties must be really easy".

J James Tubbs 04:59
Yes


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:59
It's just sort of off on its own.


J James Tubbs 05:01
That can be a real gift sometimes


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:03
She will be right across the street from that.


D Dan Maggio 05:03
Oh, that church. I know the church that you're talking about


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:09
Yeah


 Dan Maggio 05:09
Oh, you're like - Like, I could throw stones at your house.


 Danielle Maxwell 05:10
Perfect.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:12
Excellent..


 Beth Oljar 05:13
And he'll do that.


 Dan Maggio 05:15
Welcome to the neighborhood.

 Danielle Maxwell 05:16
Wonderful. wonderful. If you want to fix the driveway too, that'd be great. Thank you.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:23
So those were the tones of Professor Danielle Maxwell, but now I feel like I gotta dial it back to make sure we get back to Professor Beth Oljar, busily working on a critical thinking - a logic key here.

 Beth Oljar 05:35
I am Yes. They found this homework the hardest one.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:39
Ohh

 Beth Oljar 05:39

which I could have told them. I did tell them - that they would, but -

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:43

Well, they always listen so perfectly, you know? So

B

Beth Oljar 05:46

the number of times I have not only said things in class, but put them in the directions, like "You have to number all of your lines in a proof". It's a public object, right? Think, "prove it to me", right? You know, so anyone should be able to look at it and - No.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:05

Oh, my gosh

B

Beth Oljar 06:05

Yeah.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:06

It's just, it's a very, very special time of year.

B

Beth Oljar 06:10

It's not just me being picky. This is like, actually how these systems work.

H

Heather Hill 06:17

(Begins to sing "It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year")

B

Beth Oljar 06:19

(Sings) "Spring time for Hitler". (The professors laugh)

B

Beth Oljar 06:22

Where's Andy Williams when I need him?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:22

Well 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 can win a prize. You can send the questions to us 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. Okie dokie, "Dear professors, after a summer of visiting some of the amazing US national parks, it was only natural that we come up with 15 questions for you and your fine show about these parks. Below are questions we hope will challenge the profs to answer and visit the national parks that we mentioned. Warmest greetings as always, Frank and the family Burroughs from Valencia, California"

B Beth Oljar 07:07

There's now a great website called Fun BB, where you can get these T shirts that are like "Smokey the Bear resist" "Only you can protect our national parks" and one with a bear who's getting a salmon out of the river that says "DOGE" on it. (The professors laugh) And then a T shirt says, "Protect our parks, defund Doge". And I'm like, yeah,

S Speaker 1 07:29

Awesome. The version I believe that you and I shared was like, "Only you can prevent forest fires. Like, seriously, it's just, you now". (The professors laugh) Nobody else is gonna be there. Speaking of that, what was the first established national park in the United States?

J James Tubbs 07:46

Yellowstone

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:48

It says, Yellowstone National Park.


J James Tubbs 07:48

Not Jellystone. That came later - in the 60's.


D Dave Chow 07:49


Not Jellystone.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:50


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:50
That came later, I'm looking in a decidedly Danielle direction when I ask in which state do you find Denali National Park?


 Danielle Maxwell 07:59
Alaska

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:00
Absolutely


 Danielle Maxwell 08:01
It's a beautiful from the airplane.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:03
(Laughs) So you actually didn't go to Denali?


 Danielle Maxwell 08:06
No, as many times I've been to Alaska for work, I've never been to Denali.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:10
Okay


 Danielle Maxwell 08:10
Yeah


 James Tubbs 08:11
Oh, it's beautiful.


 Dave Chow 08:12
Have they lumped it in with the - you know - Have they changed the name yet?


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:12
They did.

 James Tubbs 08:13
Mount McKinley?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:15
No, they did.


 Danielle Maxwell 08:17
Yeah, it's Mount McKinley now


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:20
It's Denali,

 James Tubbs 08:22
which will sink into the Gulf of America.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:26
I think that Denali has been there about 10,000 11,000 years longer. So we're gonna give it to that. I


 James Tubbs 08:33
I'm wondering what Lisa Murkowski has to say about this?


 Dave Chow 08:37
It's probably unairable.


 James Tubbs 08:38
renaming of her state


- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:41
Professors, which National Park is sometimes referred to as America's Serengeti? I'm gonna say I've never heard this .
- H** Heather Hill 08:48
Death Valley.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:48
It's not Death Valley. Oh,
- H** Heather Hill 08:51
Oh, Serengeti
- J** James Tubbs 08:53
Saguaro?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:55
No. It's in the north. It's not Alaska. It's in the continental.
- D** Dave Chow 09:00
So, it's on the big map.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:01
It's South Dakota.
- D** Danielle Maxwell 09:01
Oh, I can't read that far.
- S** Stephen Mannina 09:01


 Stephen Manning 08:59
No, it's not - That's like prairie.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:01
It's on the big map. I think that I might give it away when I say that it is a yellow state on our map that we're looking at.

 Dave Chow 09:01
Yellow, yellow.


 Danielle Maxwell 09:01
North Dakota.


 Dave Chow 09:01
South Dakota.


 Stephen Manning 09:01
Custer's State Park is America's Serengeti. Like, what makes something America's Serengeti?


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:02
Well, I mean Serengeti is kind of like a prairie.


 Beth Oljar 09:27
Why would we want a park named after Custer?


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:32
Oh, that's a completely different story, right? We finally took four years -


 Beth Oljar 09:37
What an Idiot.


 Dave Chow 09:39
Are you sure it's not custard - like the dessert.


 Danielle Maxwell 09:41
Ooh, that'd be nice.


 Dave Chow 09:42
Oh, that'd be better.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:43
I was saying we were - we just finished a four year scrub on all the Confederate, you know, army bases and whatever.

 James Tubbs 09:50
But they're coming back

 James Tubbs 09:51
Volcanoes National Park

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:51
They're coming right back, so, yeah. Which National Park is located in the Hawaiian Islands and features actual active volcanoes?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:52
Volcanoes National Park. It only makes sense.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:58
Appropriately named,

 James Tubbs 10:03
Oh, yeah. Been there when it was erupting, and the sky was full of this haze, and we drove over

On, yeah. Been there when it was erupting, and the sky was full of this haze, and we drove over the saddle road, and then we drove down through a rain cloud. So the car got rained on a lot, but it was a white minivan we had. However, when I got back, I looked at the back and it was covered with orange - from the cloud of volcanic smoke.

D Danielle Maxwell 10:28
What island was this on?

J James Tubbs 10:30
The Big Island

B Beth Oljar 10:31
When I saw the photos of Lahaina after it was burned, which is on -

D Danielle Maxwell 10:31
The Big Island. We'll have to make extra time in our Chem trip


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:41
Yeah, Maui.


J James Tubbs 10:44
We went there for a family vacation when I was in my - And I'm like, "No, this can't have happened to this place where I have such incredible - "


J James Tubbs 10:52
All of that history


B Beth Oljar 10:53
Yeah,


J James Tubbs 10:54
burnt up.


 Beth Oljar 10:55
That's part of the reason it was so cool.


 James Tubbs 10:57
At least the big tree survived - the big Banyan tree.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:59
That's right.


 Beth Oljar 11:00
Yes.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:01
What National Park is known for unique rock formations, including what's referred to as "the windows section"

 Dave Chow 11:07
Valley of the gods?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:08
Mm-mm

 James Tubbs 11:10
Zion?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:11
I see this on T shirts all the time. That's very sad to say, but I mean, people like it.

 Danielle Maxwell 11:15



It doesn't have like the wave. It's the one with the wave, right?



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:18

No



Stephen Manning 11:19

Not Red Rocks.



Dave Chow 11:20

Grand Canyon?



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:21

No. I want to say it's closer to Red Rocks than any other one I've heard mentioned for this question.



James Tubbs 11:26

Bryce?



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:27

No,



Danielle Maxwell 11:28

It's not Rocky Mountain.




Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:29


I mean, I'd give it away if I tell you that the rock formations and the shape they make is the name of the park





James Tubbs 11:35


Arches


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:36
Arches,

 Dave Chow 11:38
McDonald's? Oh, wrong arches.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:45
I believe that there's a number of them in a row that you're supposed to, like, stand in a certain place so you can, like, look through X number of them all at once. That's the Window section. So anyway,


 Heather Hill 11:54
Is that in Montana?


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:55
Is it? I thought it was in the southwest, so I'm definitely messed up.

 James Tubbs 12:00
I think it's in Utah

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:02
Which National Park is home to the largest living tree on earth?

 Danielle Maxwell 12:06
Joshua Tree?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:07
No, but that's a good guess.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:09



Sequoia?



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:09

Sequoia



Beth Oljar 12:10

Valley of the gods,



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:11

Sequoia. Yes, that's, that's a big tree. That's all I got to say.



Dave Chow 12:16

We were there.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:17

If you can drive a car through it, then that's a big tree.



Dave Chow 12:20

I have.



Heather Hill 12:20

It's a big tree.



Dave Chow 12:22

You have to pay \$15 for it now.





Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:24


To go through it?





Dave Chow 12:25


 Dave Chow 12:25
Yes, there's only two left.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:26
but there's nobody there taking the money.


 Dave Chow 12:29
Oh, yes there is.

 James Tubbs 12:30
They'll do that.


 Dan Maggio 12:33
Elon is there with a little ticket booth.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:35
Oh, yeah, sure.


 Danielle Maxwell 12:36
There's a little tip window too. 10% 15%


 Danielle Maxwell 12:36
Tip window? Do you want to try driving with the Jeep Wagoner through that thing. It was touch and go.

 Heather Hill 12:43
All your money goes straight to the trees. Maybe not.


 Dave Chow 12:48
Who speaks for the trees now?


 Heather Hill 12:49
Yeah,


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:50
What is the only national park in the United States that is entirely underwater?


 Danielle Maxwell 12:55
Oh, it's the one in the Florida area.


 Beth Oljar 12:57
Everglades?

 James Tubbs 12:58
Tortugas

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:59
No. I haven't heard it yet. No,

 Heather Hill 13:01
Entirely underwater.

 Danielle Maxwell 13:01
No, it's like an island, right? You have to, like, boat to it.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:04
Yeah.

 Beth Oljar 13:04
Is there a Great Salt Lake National Park?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:06
No, I don't think that's what this is referring to. I've got the name of it, but unfortunately, not the location. I could guess.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:09
Is it, like, Arizona?

H Heather Hill 13:15
Is it the Gulf of America? (Laughs)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:18
No, it is not. what about?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:21
It's not Great Lakes based. It is not. I believe it is oceanic.

D Dan Maggio 13:23
What about the Great Lakes?


D Dan Maggio 13:25
Is it over by Chesapeake?


D Dave Chow 13:26
Which ocean? How's about that?


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:27
It starts with the letter B. That's, I think, probably the best that I could do.

D Dan Maggio 13:34
I don't know


I DON'T KNOW.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:35
Yeah. Sorry.


 Dave Chow 13:36
Boston, Biscayne?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:37
It's Biscayne. Well, I'm gonna give it to you. Yeah, you pulled that out of nowhere?


 Danielle Maxwell 13:40
Oooh!

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:41
Is that Florida?


 James Tubbs 13:42
Yeah


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:43
So Biscayne, apparently there's a whole area of the park. The only area of the park is underwater. You have to dive to go see it.


 Danielle Maxwell 13:50
I have a photo that my mind, but there's no word associated with it.

 Dave Chow 13:54
I was gonna say, how do you collect tolls?





 James Tubbs 13:57
Biscayne Bay is -


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:57
Oh, okay


 James Tubbs 13:57
It's off Miami


 Danielle Maxwell 13:57
Yes.


 Danielle Maxwell 13:57
I'm like, looking at the map. I'm like, I know where it is.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:59
Is that that little you know well, from where we're sitting, the little inlet that's on the left of the peninsula, is that what I'm seeing here?

 Danielle Maxwell 14:07
It could be

 James Tubbs 14:07
No, no

 Stephen Manning 14:08
Miami's on the right.

 James Tubbs 14:09
It's on the right, and it's just below downtown Miami.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:13
Got it.

D Danielle Maxwell 14:14
We should go visit

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:16
Professors, What National Park is recognized for its rish - rich, (pardon me, it's been a long week), Native American history and cliff dwellings?

D Dave Chow 14:26
Pueblo?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:26
Not Pueblo. That's what I would have said, but it's the one where they're literally built into the side of the mountain.

S Stephen Manning 14:32
Yeah


D Dave Chow 14:32
Oh, um -


D Danielle Maxwell 14:34
Oh


S Stephen Manning 14:35
It's in Arizona.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:36

I think it is in Arizona.


 Heather Hill 14:38
Is it the one where they're literally built inside - Never mind,


 Beth Oljar 14:44
Where's Ken Burns when we need him?


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:46
No, seriously

 Beth Oljar 14:48
He did this whole film series on -

 Dave Chow 14:49
Where's Diane Manica when we need her?

 James Tubbs 14:50
She'd probably know


 Dave Chow 14:51
Exactly.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:52
I'll probably give it away. The word in Spanish for green is part of the name.


 Danielle Maxwell 14:57
Verde.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:57


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:57
What verde?


 James Tubbs 14:58
The house of verde?


 Dave Chow 15:00
house of.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:01
No, it's Mesa Verde. Now,

 James Tubbs 15:04
Mesa Verde, Now that is in Arizona.

 Stephen Manning 15:06
I was thinking salsa verde.

 Heather Hill 15:08
Well, because you were just making - You've been making salsa verde,

 Dan Maggio 15:11
I was thinking the same thing too.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:12
Okay. That was very Idiocracy. Salsa Verde National Park

 Danielle Maxwell 15:17
Sponsored by - (Laughs)



S Stephen Manning 15:19
I was just making a tomatillo sauce this afternoon.

B Beth Oljar 15:22
Yummy!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:23
Well, there you go. You've got it on your mind. That's great.

D Dave Chow 15:25
It always comes back to food.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:27
In what year was the National Park Service established in its previous form?

B Beth Oljar 15:32
Okay, well, under Teddy Roosevelt

S Stephen Manning 15:34
1892

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:36
No, it was later than that.

J James Tubbs 15:37
1910. No, 1906

B Beth Oljar 15:39
Oh, that was after Teddy was president.

- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:39
I mean, you're dancing around it, Jim. It's 1916, it says, the National Park Service was established.
- J** James Tubbs 15:43
Yeah, that was after Teddy.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:46
Yeah, exactly.
- B** Beth Oljar 15:49
But he opened the first national park, right?
- H** Heather Hill 15:51
Yeah, That's why I was thinking -
- S** Stephen Manning 15:53
Yeah. That's approaching the Wilson presidency.
- J** James Tubbs 15:56
Yes, it's during the Wilson presidency.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:59
According to data that we used to keep in this country, what is the most visited national park in the United States?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:07
That's what it says. Great Smoky Mountains. That makes sense. There's a pretty high population -
- J** James Tubbs 16:08



Great Smoky Mountains.



James Tubbs 16:09

You can get to it from so many directions too.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:14

Exactly. Which National Park is home to the historic Hoh Rain Forest?



Dave Chow 16:18

The Olympic National Forest



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:22

Olympic National Forest.



Dave Chow 16:23

Love that place.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:24

Now, where's that?



Stephen Manning 16:25

Washington.



Beth Oljar 16:26

It is in Washington. My sister's house used to overlook it, so you could sit out on her porch -



Danielle Maxwell 16:32

Wow!



Dave Chow 16:33

D Dave Chow 16:33
Wait a minute. I camped on those beaches

J James Tubbs 16:35
on the Olympic Peninsula?

B Beth Oljar 16:36
Yes. Well, she doesn't live there anymore because Seattle got way too expensive and way too liberal for her, so she moved to sunny southern Idaho. (The professors laugh)

D Dave Chow 16:46
It was honestly the scariest night of my life. That's all

J James Tubbs 16:49
Really? Because of wildlife?

D Dave Chow 16:51
No no, because I hiked three miles to get to that beach. And then as night fell, it was like, okay, every crackle, snap, or whatever, I thought was Bigfoot.

D Dave Chow 17:03
and my only other option was to in to the Pacific Ocean.

J James Tubbs 17:03
Okay

J James Tubbs 17:05
Gotcha

D Dave Chow 17:07
So I tended fire all night long.

D Dave Chow 17:09
Dave, You have got to get over this Bigfoot thing.

D Dan Maggio 17:10
Why would you assume you should be afraid of Bigfoot? Maybe he's friendly

D Dave Chow 17:15
He might like Chinese food, I don't know.

S Speaker 2 17:17
You've seen the Six Million Dollar Man, haven't you? pretty

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:17
It would be pretty ironic if a Michigander like yourself got all the way there to camp, and then, you know, people say that Bigfoot lives in Michigan, if he was also vacationing there,

J James Tubbs 17:28
Yeah, that would be quite a coincidence.

D Dave Chow 17:29
I didn't see him on the flight.

H Heather Hill 17:31
I think Bigfoot follows Dave around.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:34
Also true.

D Dave Chow 17:35
.....

When I was in California, I did not go out to the car after dark, so -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:39
Wow.

B Beth Oljar 17:39
So this is the problem with the Finding Bigfoot show, they're not following you.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:43
Oh, a hundred per cent.

B Beth Oljar 17:43
If they were doing that, then they would find

J James Tubbs 17:45
You could be the bait.

D Dave Chow 17:47
Oh, great! That was my fear.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:50
So I did watch, Beth, once an episode of the Finding Bigfoot show, and it was pretty entertaining, because the guy was out there saying, "If there's one thing I know about Bigfoot is that he really, really likes bacon". And so the guy cooked an entire pound of bacon, and then the show was showing how he ate the entire pound of bacon. This show's great.

D Danielle Maxwell 18:11
Did he at least put it on like a BLT, like Tony's restaurant does?

B Beth Oljar 18:15
Well, and they tried to do a sort of X Files thing, right? They have this woman who's allegedly the scientist, right?

D Danielle Maxwell 18:22
Allegedly, okay.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:24
Oh my gosh. And he invented, that guy literally invented the word Squatch, as in shorter for Sasquatch, when you Squatch, you're going out to try to find Bigfoot.

B Beth Oljar 18:34
And made it a verb, yes. Squatching

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:37
That's right. Professors, what National Park is known for, stunning lakes. I mean, there's lots of them, but it's specifically Lake McDonald

D Danielle Maxwell 18:45
Not McDonald's

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:46
Not McDonald's, not McDonald's somewhere

B Beth Oljar 18:49
Somewhere in Minnesota,

D Dave Chow 18:50
M-A-C, not MC, right?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:52
All I know is that Mary Lou Caspers has been here, and if I think right, it's her favorite National Park of all time.

D Dan Maggio 18:57
Oh, was she down in West Virginia, Virginia?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:00
That's where she's gone in recent years. But this is not only her favorite. This one, I want to say, is out west. Oh, I hope I don't screw this up.

D Danielle Maxwell 19:04
It's not the Grand Canyon, but she's told me a lot about the Grand Canyon.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:08
She loves the Grand Canyon too. No, this one is named after a natural and very, very large and slow moving ice formation.


D Danielle Maxwell 19:17
Okay.


D Dave Chow 19:17
Glacier?


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:17
Glacier National Park, yes,


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:18
Lake McDonald Well, yeah, don't look at the pictures. Glacier National Park is disappearing slowly over time. That's also really sad. Which National Park is the highest peak of the contiguous United States?


D Danielle Maxwell 19:32
Rocky Mountain National Park?


 James Tubbs 19:33
Oh, in the contiguous United States.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:35
Mm-hm. I can actually tell you which park it is, maybe you'd know the


 James Tubbs 19:39
Rocky Mountain National Park.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:40
That's not what it says here. It says it's in Sequoia.


 James Tubbs 19:40
Oh, it's in Sequoia.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:43
Yep.


 Danielle Maxwell 19:44
Really? Okay,


 Stephen Manning 19:45
not Mount Baker,


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:47
not Mount Baker, but I think you're barking up the right tree.


 Dave Chow 19:51
Tree? Is there a hint there?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:53
It's a mount, something that starts with a W


 Dan Maggio 19:56
Mount Washington?

 James Tubbs 19:56
No. That's on the east coast.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:58
But that's a good guess Think of a famous restaurant with a haunted bar in Detroit,

 Heather Hill 20:07
Ghost?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:08
The Whitney. It's Mount Whitney in Sequoia National Park

 James Tubbs 20:08
Whitney,

 James Tubbs 20:11
I didn't realize that was the tallest in the contiguous United States.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:14
That's what it says. The ghost

 Heather Hill 20:15
I was thinking about The Ghost Bar inside the Whitney

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:15
Inside the Whitney. Yes, exactly.

H Heather Hill 20:15
Interestingly, my mind immediately goes to the bar,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:23
Nothing wrong with that. Which national park features the famous Half Dome. That's a very interesting feature.

D Dave Chow 20:23
Naturally,

D Dave Chow 20:32
It's not Yosemite.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:33
Actually, it is Yosemite.

D Danielle Maxwell 20:34
You have to get a special pass to go hike that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:40
That's right

J James Tubbs 20:40
which only looks that way because of an optical illusion.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:43
That's exactly right

That's exactly right

D Danielle Maxwell 20:44
And people die all the time hiking that thing.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:47
Which National Park - This is our last one. This has been great. You know, did you really go to like, all of these last year, Frank? Oh my gosh. Like, that's a lot of travel. Which National Park has the tallest waterfall in North America?

S Speaker 1 20:59
Tallest waterfall

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:03
Yeah, I cannot tell you the name of the falls, because it would give it away.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:05
It's not Oregon. It's not Oregon, unless I've been misinformed.

S Stephen Manning 21:11
Is it Washington?

J James Tubbs 21:11
No, tallest waterfall -

D Dave Chow 21:11
It's not Mount Clemens.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:11
(Laughs_ It's not Mount Clemens. No, it's not Clawson either.

B Beth Oljar 21:11
It should be Oregon.

J James Tubbs 21:19
Is it Yosemite?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:20
It's Yosemite. Yeah, Yosemite Falls. Well, I learned something today. You know, that's what I come here to do. Well, I don't think there's any other way that we should finish the show, but I having people talk about their national park experience, and since mine is so limited, I'll do best I can. Did you know that the military cemetery on Mackinac Island is the smallest National Park in the United States?

J James Tubbs 21:43
No

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:44
Yes, it's the coolest thing ever. It has primarily War of 1812 dead buried there. And just the cemetery, this tiny little postage stamp, is a national park.

S Stephen Manning 21:54
This is up on the hill with the stockade - ?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:56
Actually, it's not, it's sort of in the forest on Mackinac Island. It's kind of weird and creepy, and - surprise, I like it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:58
Maybe Bigfoot hangs out there.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:03
Maybe Bigfoot hangs out there. Bring some bacon. What can I say? How about everybody else's National Park experiences?

national park experiences.

B Beth Oljar 22:11
I've never been to any.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:12
Oh, wow. Even coming from the northwest. I assumed that when you were bringing up Oregon -

D Dave Chow 22:17
yeah, the Pacific Northwest,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:18
Washington, that you had been to all of those.

B Beth Oljar 22:19
Nope.


J James Tubbs 22:21
Well, I'll talk about a national park experience that all of you should share once you turn 65

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:27
okay,


J James Tubbs 22:28
and that's getting the permanent pass that you can get, that you can get in free at any of the national parks with.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:35
Very cool

J James Tubbs 22:37

 James Tubbs 22:37


but that's super - because I spend a lot of time in the Shenandoah National Park down in Virginia. And I don't want to have to pay every time I drive into the park, so the cards been just a godsend.

 Beth Oljar 22:47

I mean I've been to state parks in Oregon and Washington, but not national ones

 Dan Maggio 22:57


I don't think I've been - I was gonna say there was just one, Sleeping Bear

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:01


Sleeping Bear. Of course.

 Dan Maggio 23:02


But I've been to that graveyard on Mackinac Island, so that's two. If I've been to a third one, I was not aware of it.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:02

(Laughs)

 James Tubbs 23:10

I think one of the most amazing is Bryce. Bryce Canyon in Utah. It's near Zion, but Bryce has these - It looks like sand castles have been dripped. Hoodoos they call them, these tall columns of basalt, I think,

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:26

Sure.

 James Tubbs 23:26

But it's fascinating to look at, because they look so delicate, you wonder how they're still standing.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:31
Actually, I should be careful. I've driven through, now that I think about it, Joshua Tree once

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:37
I did not get out to look at anything, which was weird. But what I did notice, because this is my speed, is how the temperature changed driving from San Diego out to JoshuaTree, it gets really cold.

J James Tubbs 23:37
Oh!

D Dave Chow 23:55
Wait a minute. Your mom had just been playing with the air conditioning, right?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:59
No, no, this is with friends.


D Dave Chow 23:59
Oh, okay.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:59
but maybe one of the friends we're doing it. Yeah, the desert was quite cold compared to San Diego, and then you drive back into the city and it warmed up again. It was kind of cool.


B Beth Oljar 23:59
Well, I did go through the big Redwood tree?


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:01
Oh, okay. Oh, that's good. Yeah, that's good.


D Danielle Maxwell 24:06


 Danielle Maxwell 24:00
Let's see. I've been to White Sands twice now.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:09
Okay.


 Danielle Maxwell 24:09
both for like, work related things, which is in New Mexico. The first time Border Patrol decided to stop me and search my car and interrogate me. And that was real fun.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:10
You're super duper, super duper suspicious.


 Danielle Maxwell 24:16
So suspicious - with that Michigan license plate - or no, Michigan license, Arizona license plate, but I'm in New Mexico, super suspicious. And then the second time we walked into this hike to the edge of where the park is, and there's a sign that says, "Do not go past this point, because there's unexploded munitions", like out in the sand somewhere. So it's like, "Okay, don't tell me twice. I will just turn around at this point". So very cool park. It looks like snow everywhere because it's all white sand, and they have little sleds you can rent and you can go sand sledding. It's really fun.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:59
Very Cool. How about other folks?

 Heather Hill 25:02
I've been to Yosemite, Sequoia, Arches,


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:06
Nice,

 Heather Hill 25:06
and we're going to the Grand Canyon in June.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:09
Excellent. Oh, man, that's the king of them all, right?

 Heather Hill 25:10
Stephen's been to the Grand Canyon, but I haven't


 Dan Maggio 25:10
Any national parks up in New England?


 Dave Chow 25:11
Yes. Acadia.

 Stephen Manning 25:11
Yeah. Acadia


 Dave Chow 25:12
I love that place.


 Heather Hill 25:13
I've been to Acadia too, now that you mentioned


 James Tubbs 25:23
Acadia is gorgeous


 Dave Chow 25:24
waking up at like five o'clock on the morning to see the sunrise,


 James Tubbs 25:27
but the smell of Balsam up there is just so wonderful


 Heather Hill 25:30
I had forgotten that


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:32
absolute heaven


 Stephen Manning 25:33
I would have to say Mount Rainier. Having been brought up in the hilly New England, and then moving to the Midwest -


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:43
Right


 Stephen Manning 25:44
when I moved to Washington State, and I saw the actual mountains for the first time.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:48
Right

 Stephen Manning 25:49
especially Ranier.

 Dave Chow 25:49
Not a Michigan ice nipple.

 Stephen Manning 25:49
I thought "I wonder if people can climb that thing". And I found out that they could. I spent a lot of time hiking and ultimately climbing Mount Rainier when I was a few years younger.





Heather Hill 26:03

What people in the Midwest and the East think of as mountains are kind of a joke.



James Tubbs 26:09

No, actually, the Appalachian Mountains are the oldest. They're just not the most dramatic.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:11

It's true,



Heather Hill 26:11

because they're older and worn down.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:11

(Laughs)



Stephen Manning 26:15

I just saw something about Mount Washington and the altitude



Beth Oljar 26:18

Mount Rainier, do you mean?



Stephen Manning 26:18

No - no, Mount Washington in New Hampshire.



Beth Oljar 26:18

Oh, okay,



James Tubbs 26:18

it's 6000 feet.

S

Stephen Manning 26:18

6000. Well, that's the starting point. 5400 feet is the starting point for the Ranier climb.

J

James Tubbs 26:30

I remember driving up into the Rockies and pulled into this absolutely gorgeous overlook, and it had all these hiking paths, and you had to go up this staircase to get to the head of the hiking path. Got up to the top of the staircase and was totally winded. And then I looked down and saw this sign that says "You are at 13,000 feet"

D

Dave Chow 26:52

Nothing is worse than altitude sickness. I went

D

Danielle Maxwell 26:55

I went to the Rocky Mountain National Park, came home and learned I had asthma. Because my lungs didn't decompress the right way, I had an asthma attack. So it turns out I have asthma. Learned that a couple years ago.

J

James Tubbs 27:04

Oh no,

D

Dave Chow 27:06

The first time I was in the Rockies, I got hit with altitude sickness. My roommate said, "Here you get the bed closest to the bathroom". So I spent an entire day like clutching the edge of the bed, thinking it's worse than a hangover.

D

Dan Maggio 27:18

Did it make you nauseous?

D

Dave Chow 27:19

It was a headache, body pains, nauseous -

J

James Tubbs 27:23

Almost everybody I know that's gone to Machu Picchu has said that.

- D** Dave Chow 27:26
So I learned after that go on the aspirin regimen before you go out to those mountains.
- H** Heather Hill 27:31
What did you take before you climbed?
- S** Stephen Manning 27:33
Yeah, there is a prescription you can take. I didn't like taking it
- H** Heather Hill 27:37
when you did Tanzania?
- S** Stephen Manning 27:37
Yeahm at Kilimanjaro, so I stopped taking it, and Kilimanjaro is a lot higher than Rainier.
- S** Stephen Manning 27:45
Rainier is 14 something. Kilimanjaro is a little short of 20,000. It made me jittery, like having a lot of coffee.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:45
Yeah
- J** James Tubbs 27:53
That is very low oxygen
- S** Stephen Manning 27:56
and it made my fingers a little bit numb, and it made me pee more - which I don't really need.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:04

That makes sense - pressure. You know, what a perfect way for us to end our show. (The professors laugh) I'm so sorry. The time has come for us to say goodbye. Danielle

D Danielle Maxwell 28:16
Adios,

B Beth Oljar 28:17
Bye

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:17
Dan

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:17
Beth


D Dan Maggio 28:17
bye.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:18
Jim,


J James Tubbs 28:18
Goodbye.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:18
Dave


D Dave Chow 28:19
See ya.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:19
Stephen

 Stephen Manning 28:20
Goodbye

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:21
and Heather

 Heather Hill 28:21
Buh-bye,

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:22
and now these words

 Michael Jayson 28:24
You can email Ask The Professor at ATP@UDMercy.edu, or visit the Ask the Professor Facebook page.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:34
.Ask the Professor is produced and directed by Michael Jayson and Brian Maisonville, and our executive producer is Professor Jason Roche. Until next week, I'm your host Matt Mio.