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NIH will delay processing of non-competing continuation grant awards if publications arising from that award are not in compliance with the NIH public access policy. This change will take effect in tandem with NIH requiring the use of the Research Performance Progress Report (RPPRs) for all Streamlined Non-competing Award Process (SNAP) and Fellowship awards in the Spring of 2013 (see NIH NOT-OD-12-142). Principal investigator's and all members of a research team must comply with the NIH Public Access Policy for any article that is published in connection with an NIH

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grant, contract, cooperative agreement, or research funded by the NIH intramural program, awarded after April 7, 2008. Further information on your responsibilities under the NIH Public Access Policy is on the Himmelfarb Library website http://www.gwumc.edu/library/portals/nihaccess.cfm.

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The Library's electronic resources also remain available 24/7 both on and off-campus. Wherever your office or classroom is located, you still have access to the Library's online collections of more than 3,500 online journals, 800 online e-texts, and over one hundred databases. Use the Library webpage as your base of operations for information resources. It includes links to the Library Catalog, databases, e-journals and e-texts. You can even access the Library's web page from your handheld device at http://www.gwumc.edu/library/mobile/. Directions for off-campus access are available at: http://www.gwumc.edu/library/services/access.cfm.

Himmelfarb librarians remain ready to answer questions, help with research strategies or conduct orientations. You may contact the Reference Desk at 202-994-2850, send an e-mail to himmelfarb@gwu.edu, or send an instant message by following the directions at: http://www.gwumc.edu/library/ask/!

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What has been your biggest professional challenge?

Dr. Macri's biggest challenge is sharing bad news with patients. It is a necessary part of the job, but it is always a difficult part of caring for prospective parents.

What has been your most memorable moment at GW?

Dr. Macri was honored as a 2008 SMHS Distinguished Teacher Award winner and the 2010 Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award (presented by the Arnold T. Gold Foundation).

How did you become interested in your field?

Dr. Macri became interested in obstetrics and gynecology during his third year of med school while doing clerkships. He enjoyed his first rotations in medicine and surgery, but his experience caring for patients during the third rotation in obstetrics was most rewarding. He feels it is a great privilege when a couple asks him to take care of them and their child through their pregnancy.

What library resources or services have you found to be the most useful?

Dr. Macri is enthusiastic about working with the Himmelfarb librarians. He is eager to understand how the librarians think, and how they teach students and faculty to use the resources with the ultimate goal of caring for the patient. He finds the library website easy to use, and partners with library staff to host the Virtual Genetics Journal Club.

Whom do you admire?

Dr. Macri admires selfless people who devote their lives to serve the needy, people like Dr. Tom Dooley, Mother Teresa and missionaries.

How do you spend your free time? (or What do you do to relax?)

Dr. Macri is an avid cyclist, frequently riding 50-60 miles on weekend rides out on the C&O Canal.



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He also relaxes with trips to the gym, reading (sci-fi especially) and listening to music (he likes to keep up with current stuff, especially current rock music).

What advice would you give to a new faculty member just starting at GW?

"Make yourself available," and say "yes" to research and teaching opportunities that come your way.

"Volunteer to work with medical students" in whatever environment is available, whether it's through the HEALing Clinic, CAP, PCL, with PA students... wherever you can help.

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One of the premier resources is the OMIM (Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man) database produced by Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and updated daily containing information on mendelian disorders and over 12,000 genes. It is one of the major resources available on genetics, primarily focusing on human genes, genetic disorders and traits, and the relationship between phenotype and genotype.

The Global Query page databases are divided into three sections:

- Section 1 Literature Databases: PubMed, PubMed Central, Books (online), NCBI website and OMIM (Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man).
- Section 2 Molecular Databases: Contains the bulk of the collection from Genome, Epigenomics to BioSample.
 Section 3 - Catalog Collection
- National Library of Medicine catalog collection of books and journals as well as MeSH database of Medical Subject Heading search terms.

For more information on how to use Entrez please visit PubMed's Entrez Help section.

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Faculty can search this multimedia collection, or browse the resource by content type (e.g. animation, 3D image, etc.), body systems/regions, and medical specialties. Users can also take advantage of the SMART imagebase's tools including the ability to download images 'as is' or customize them with labels; magnification and a 'My Lightbox' area to save images; and 'Cite this item' functionality which automatically generates AMA, APA, and MLA citations for the image.

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If you have questions regarding SMART imagebase, please contact Laura Abate at 202-994-8570 or leabate@gwu.edu.





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With all that she has accomplished and contributed, Himmelfarb library staff was torn between congratulations and sadness when Kathe announced her impending retirement in September. Kathe is also regretful of the projects she did not get to finish, but very much looking forward to the next phase in life's adventure.

In a way she's been leading a double-life for several years, with a lovely second home in Bluffton, SC, just across the sound from Hilton Head Island. She and husband Dick are golfing enthusiasts and Hilton Head is a golfer's paradise with over 20 world class quality courses. They also enjoy the mild climate and proximity to the beach. When not hitting the links, they're looking forward to spending more time with family, particularly their four grandchildren.

Himmelfarb Library staff wish Kathe a very happy and leisurely retirement!

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