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Effective August 21, 2009

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If you have questions about the NIH Public Access Policy, want help with a submission or citation review, or want to schedule a session on the policy for your department or group, please contact me. I'm happy to help at any time.
Sincerely,
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Tradition is the handing-on of Fire, and not the worship of Ashes.
- Gustav Mahler