RELEARNED LOVE

Thank you so much for the very moving story of Derrick Gaines and his wife, Anna ("None of My Memories Are My Own," Spring 2011).

Their relearned love is a lesson to all; their story reveals the best of the human spirit.

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A VIEW FROM THE ED

I am a former UPMC emergency medicine resident ('98) and currently a physician at Mayo Clinic Arizona. As an expert on the evaluation and management of acute head injury patients in the ED, I was struck by Kristen Cosby's very emotional piece on Anna and Derrick Gaines and their courage.

Keep up the good work.

Christopher Lipinski
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Our last issue also got noticed in the UMagazinology blog. Some highlights:

In the matter of covers, apparently black is the new black.

That Pitt Med *cover story (Erica Lloyd, editor) is part of a powerful two-story package about traumatic brain injury. The science/medical story, Chuck Staresinic's "What Hit Her," is an excellent overview of what TBI is, how it happens, what it does. Some exemplary science writing here. …*

The second piece is "None of My Memories Are My Own" by Kristen Cosby, a poignant story about a young husband and father who survived a truck tire flying into his car and smashing his head. His memories did not survive. Cosby does a great job with delicate material.

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