

After Ten Years, the Flame Burns Brightly

In response to a note from Janet Evans, Hongdeng Gao (Napier 2015) responded with her own news. She wrote:

“I finished my Ph.D in history at Columbia University in 2023. My dissertation focused on health activism in post-WWII New York City with a focus on Chinatown. I will be starting a tenure-track job in history at Williams College in spring 2025. I am excited to return to a small liberal arts college setting and work with students again.

“I am still in touch with the Jacksons. I have really enjoyed the relationships that I developed through the Napier Initiative. I am also incredibly grateful for the Initiative's support for Health Bridges. I can't wait to see how the program grows. Thank you for all that you have done to make Health Bridges [see <http://www.healthbridgesclaremont.org/>] and the Initiative possible!”

Hongdeng's proposal in 2015 involved working with Health Bridges. In responding to Janet Evans, Hongdeng offered to help a 2025 Fellow, Emily Dong (Scripps College), who wants to work with Health Bridges to train local high school students to offer non-medical interpretation services in a local hospital.