

uklaamah hapinyuuk. histaqšič huuŋiiŋath ŋahŋaa čaačaaciiŋas taqimł. ŋuhukwitaŋ nananiqsu ŋał Lizzie ŋahŋaa Billy Happynook. ŋuhukwah ŋumiiqsu ŋahŋaa ŋuwiiqsu mauksisinup ŋahŋaa ŋuuksyakwayaŋatook. ŋuklaa yaqčiqas ŋaasaawis. ŋaasaawis uu iš Woodland Cree ŋahŋaa Métis. ŋahŋaa meŋiłqacaŋ hawilwinis.

My name is hapinyuuk. I am Huu-ay-aht and I come from the House of čaačaaciiŋas. My English name is Tommy Happynook, and I am an assistant professor in the department of Anthropology at the University of Victoria. My research documents the reclamation of knowledge, teachings, culture, language, responsibilities, and identity through my relationship to čaačaaciiŋas, my family's hereditary home. In specific and intentional ways my research is part of a larger story of reconciliation and reclamation to hahułi in which the lands, waters, skies, and the natural/spiritual worlds are not a place and/or object of inquiry, they are non-human knowledge holders and teachers.