



Anthropology in Praxis

Applying Reconciliation

September 17th, 2025, 4:00-5:30 MT

Applying Reconciliation: Work at the Intersection of Indigenous Rights & Anthropology

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In Canada, truth and reconciliation does not “just happen.” It involves lifetimes of effort done by a wide range of leaders and professionals, including anthropologists. This virtual session brings together three practicing, professional, applied anthropologists working with and for Indigenous communities in BC, talking about what it’s like to support some of the nuts and bolts that move forward the work of truth and reconciliation.

Please join us for this thoughtful discussion.



Gretchen Fox

Anthropologist with the First Peoples Cultural Council (FPCC)'s Heritage Program.



Craig Candler

Cultural anthropologist and Founder and CEO of Reciprocity Research



Natasha Burgoyne

Title and Rights Lead for the Ktunaxa Nation Council

Guiding questions for speakers and discussion

1. [All]: Who do you work for and what is it like being an anthropologist today working with or for Indigenous communities?
2. [Natasha lead]: What is anthropology to you and how do you do anthropology?
3. [Gretchen lead]: What is reconciliation to you and where do you see the work of anthropology, and of truth and reconciliation, going in the future? What opportunities do you see for students, practitioners and communities?
4. [Natasha lead]: When it comes to reconciliation, what opportunities or threats do you think anthropologists working beyond the university should be paying most attention to? And what questions should we be thinking about?
5. [All]: If students are interested in following in your footsteps, what advice would you have for them? What kind of supports exist or need to be created?



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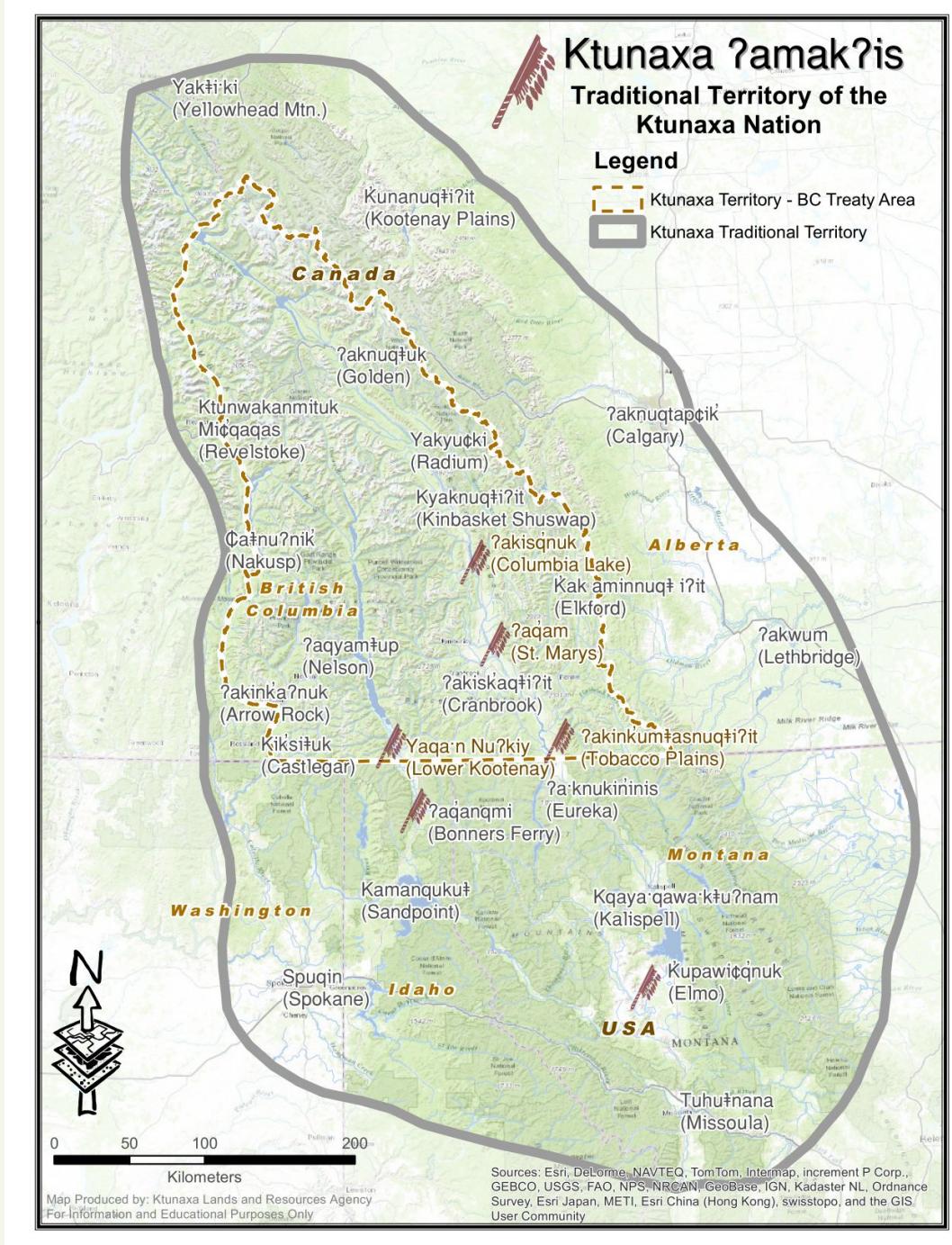
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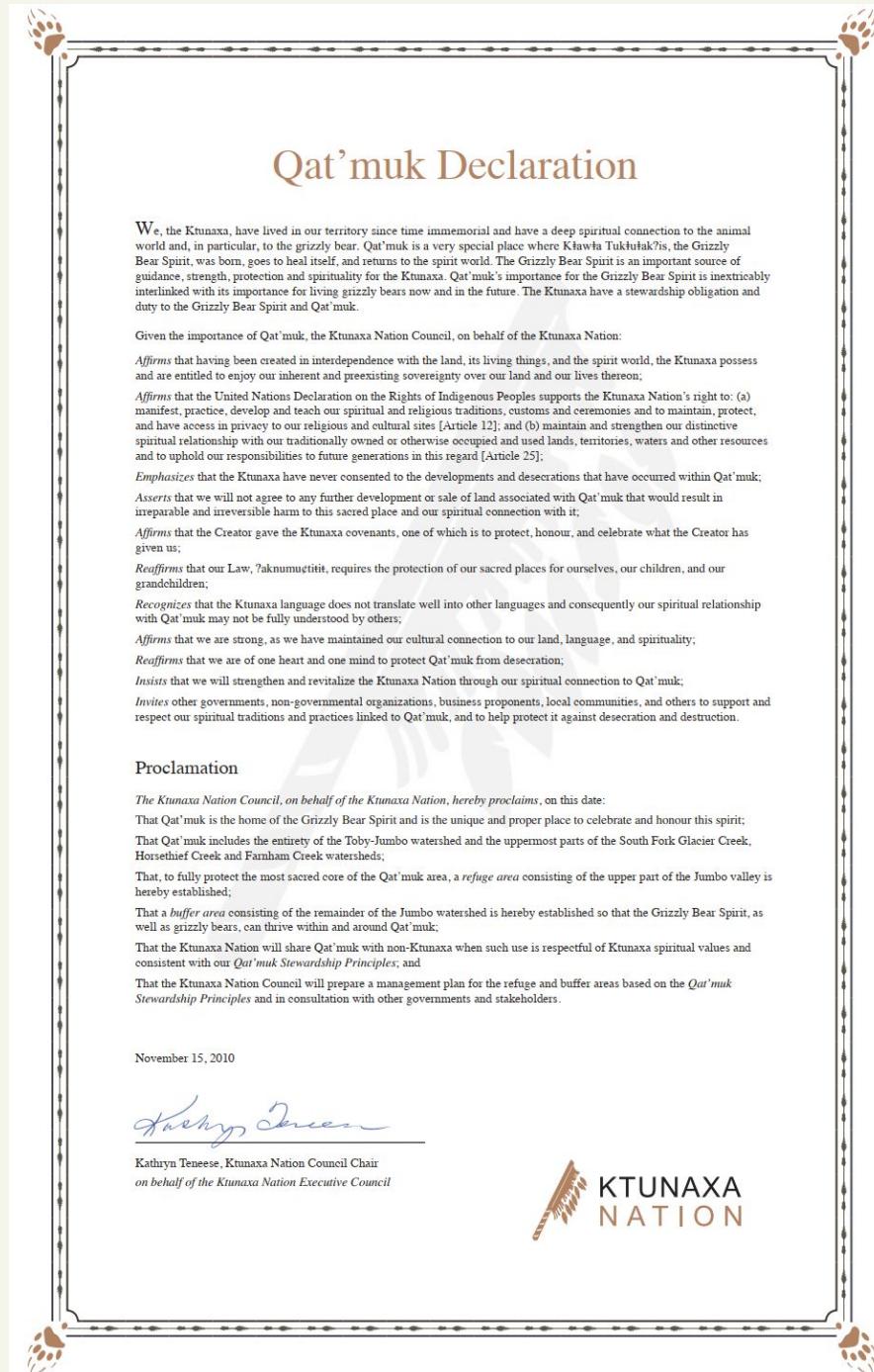
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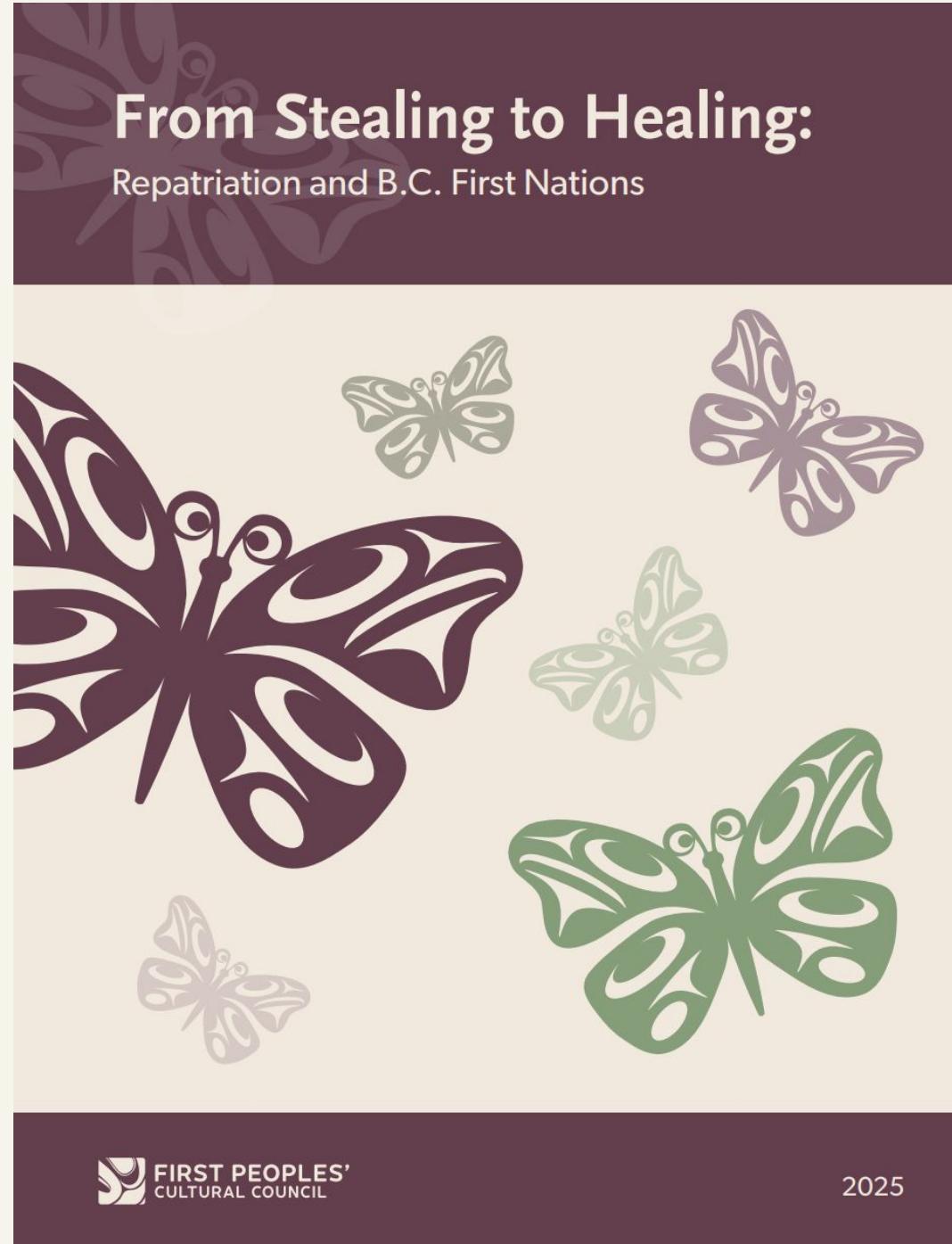
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Qat'muk Declaration (Ktunaxa Nation 2010)



From Stealing to Healing: Repatriation and B.C. First Nations (First Peoples' Cultural Council)



Mikisew Cree
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Mikisew Cree First Nation Indigenous Knowledge and Use Report and Assessment

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Teck Resources Limited's Proposed Frontier Oil Sands Mine Project

November 15, 2013

Craig Candler, Ph.D., Rachel Olson Ph.D. and the Firelight Group
Research Cooperative with the Mikisew Cree First Nation (MCFN)

Ktunaxa Submission on the Readiness Decision Recommendatio n for the Fording River Extension Project (Ktunaxa Nation 2011)



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Ktunaxa Submission on the Readiness Decision Recommendation for the Fording River Extension Project

August 11, 2022



Photo 1 (top): High elevation grasslands on Turnbull Mountain facing Fording River Operations
Photo 2 (bottom): High elevation grasslands on Castle Mountain

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(George Martin,
Helge Martin,
Bruce Dene,
Katy Dene, Joe
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Spirit, Jocelyn
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Thank you for attending!

Virtual sessions will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, every second month, 4:00-5:30 MT.

- November 19, 2025
- January 21, 2026
- March 18, 2026
- May 20, 2026 (CASCA Annual Meeting May 20-23, Halifax)

Dates may change based on availability of Conveners and invited speakers.

Is there someone in your network that you think would benefit from AP?
Invite them!

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See you next time!

Applying Anthropology in an AI World

Wednesday, November 19, 2025
4:00-5:30 MT



Matt Artz

Anthropologist, designer, and technologist specializing in AI product development.



Brian Thom

Professor and Chair of the Anthropology Department at the University of Victoria.

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Links to resources discussed

From Stealing to Healing: Repatriation and B.C. First Nations (First Peoples' Cultural Council):

<https://fpcc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/FPCC-STH-Report.pdf>

Ktunaxa Submission on the Readiness Decision Recommendation for the Fording River Extension Project (Ktunaxa Nation 2011): [Ktunaxa Submission on the Readiness Decision Recommendation for the Fording River Extension Project](#)

Mikisew Cree First Nation Indigenous Knowledge and Use Report and Assessment for Teck Resources Limited's Proposed Frontier Oil Sands Mine Project (Craig Candler, Ph.D., Rachel Olson Ph.D. and the Firelight Group Research Cooperative with the Mikisew Cree First Nation (MCFN) 2013):

<https://aeic-iac.gc.ca/050/documents/p65505/114463E.pdf>

Traditional Territory of the Ktunaxa Nation (Ktunaxa Nation):

https://www.ktunaxa.org/wp-content/uploads/Traditional_Territory_Av2_02.png

Qat'muk Declaration (Ktunaxa Nation 2010): <https://www.ktunaxa.org/qatmuk/>

Wiyowitan Kitaskinaw [our land is rich] (George Martin, Helge Martin, Bruce Dene, Katy Dene, Joe Wandering Spirit, Jocelyn Marten, and Mark Gustafson 2015): <https://tinyurl.com/4svfujpk>

A summary of our September 2025 virtual meetup

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"Taking an honest view of the past and having the willingness to follow the lead of Indigenous communities and Indigenous anthropologists can support these opportunities to reframe who is the expert and who owns the knowledge. And that leads to necessary shifts in research design and how anthropology is done."

- **Gretchen Fox**, Anthropologist with the First Peoples Cultural Council (FPCC)'s Heritage Program



"I'm a Ktunaxa warrior. It's my life's work to maintain cultural practices. When I do anthropology I'm looking at our culture through time - where we've been and where we are now."



"That continuity of relationships, that continuity of being asked back is the opposite of parachuting in. But there is a cost: keeping a relationship takes energy. There's not that many communities you can build those kinds of relationships with and maintain over time."

- **Craig Candler**, Cultural anthropologist and Founder and CEO of Reciprocity Research Inc.

"Settler colonial society needs healing too. Look around and recognize that you're on ancestral lands and find healing here."

- Bernard Perley, Tobique First Nation, New Brunswick, Institute for Critical Indigenous studies at the University of British Columbia, past President CASCA



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