

Language Reclamation and Resource Development in the Michif Diaspora
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Our presentation will provide an overview of our efforts to revitalize and support the reclamation of the Southern Michif language by diasporic Red River Métis people across multiple provinces. This work involves the use and development of online communities and digital language learning resources co-created by “new speakers” with the support of first-language speakers. We will introduce an online Michif language learning community supported for the past four years by the Prairies to Woodlands Indigenous Language Revitalization Circle, a Manitoba-based non-profit organization. Our discussion will focus on the community-building, trauma-informed, and culturally affirming immersion methodologies used within our group, as well as the development of digital resources, such as a family and community-oriented website, a new searchable phrasebook with recordings and a dictionary-like structure, and a cross-platform app featuring language practice games. We will explain how the learning process and passion for the language have empowered learners to engage in conversation outside of class, enroll in programs related to Indigenous language revitalization and culturally responsive language pedagogy, and even begin teaching Michif themselves—thus expanding the language reclamation circle.