

## ***Melissa Samms***

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Region: Western/Labrador

Willing to Travel: Yes

Available For:

- Manuscript Evaluations
- Editing/Proofreading
- Book Reviews
- Copywriting
- Speech Writing
- Workshop Facilitation
- Speaking Engagements
- Interviewing
- Content Research
- Social Media Content
- Marketing/Communications

Biography: Melissa is mi'kmaw from, of, and on their traditional territory of Katalisk, Ktaqmkuk, (Codroy Valley, Newfoundland) where they live, work and create every day. They have extensively researched the history of the SW coast and the province as a whole through the lens of their Indigeneity and lived experience within the SW coast, and they are particularly interested in delving deeper into the intersection of racism, xenophobia, and classism in the province and larger Atlantic region. They bring a multi-dimensional perspective to their writing with varied knowledge rooted in business administration, textiles, wildfire management, political science, history research, and in grounded skills like Newfie construction, cooking, foraging, baking, gardening, butchery, and translating legislative jargon. You can find Melissa at the local plant during lobster season, or on Twitter at @MelissaSammsNL.

Selected Publications:

- Looking Back: What's in a Name? Wreckhouse Weekly 12 April 2021  
<https://www.wreckhousepress.com/post/looking-back-what-s-in-a-name>
- Looking Back: Early Settlers on the West Coast. Wreckhouse Weekly 31 May 2021  
<https://www.wreckhousepress.com/post/looking-back-early-settlers-on-the-west-coast>
- Traditions Excerpt: The Rose Blanche Lighthouse. Wreckhouse Press 28 Dec 2020  
<https://www.wreckhousepress.com/post/traditions-excerpt-the-rose-blanche-lighthouse>