I would like to take a moment to acknowledge that this workshop presented today, will take place on the traditional, ancestral lands of the Lhaq’te’mish – Lummi Nation and Nuxwsá7aq – Nooksack Nation; as well as all other Salishan families who shared the ancestral homelands and salt waters of Whatcom County and the Salish Sea.

As guests to this land, I am thankful and consider it a privilege to be able to live and do our learning here today. It is good protocol to thank the host nation because you are acknowledging that that Nation has had a relationship since time immemorial with the land you are standing on. It is a sign of respect and recognition (Joseph, 2013).