According to the oral history of the Straits Salish people, the Straits Salish have lived on their territorial homelands back to the time of creation. Central to this existence was a deep connection, relationship and responsibility to the natural world. The relationship, the teachings embedded in the landscape all around the local territory, reflects a worldview/way of being, knowing, learning, teaching and researching. This presentation will explore this deep history, along with the more recent and ongoing colonization, and then develop a vision forward, through the lens of language, culture, beliefs, and worldview.