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Julian Robbins is a mixed race person with Mi'kmaq ancestry. He is currently employed at the University of Guelph, Ontario. He was previously with the Indigenous Peoples' Health Research Centre in Saskatchewan where he helped organize health and wellness research around the general area of suicide prevention for Aboriginal youth of the File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council. They provide services for eleven First Nations representing five cultural and linguistic groups.

Dr. Robbins completed his PhD dissertation in Indigenous Studies at Trent University examining Aboriginal midwifery in Canada with particular attention given to the independent self-regulatory model of Indigenous midwifery at the Maternal and Child Centre (*Tsi Nonwe Ionnkeratstha Ona:grahsta*) at Six Nations of the Grand river.

In the capacity of Research Officer with the First Nations Centre (FNC) of the National Aboriginal Health Organization (NAHO), Julian focused on the support traditional knowledge plays in First Nations health. In 2006 with the support of several Indigenous Elders from various regions across Canada, Julian spearheaded a work-plan coined *The First Nations Traditional Healing Circle of Elders/Medicine People*. Julian has also done work for the Aboriginal Corrections Policy Unit (Canada) and the Aboriginal Healing Foundation.

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