

## Leoni Joubert – Abridged CV



Vision Awards Winner: Optometrists of the Year (South Africa). Recognised by peers for exceptional standard of care, clinical knowledge and commitment to the profession.

Passionate about providing vision care of the highest standard to all my patients and especially to children.

Received degree B.Optom (cum laude) in 1990. Best optometry student from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> year. Won the award for best female university student. Got Certificate of Advanced Study from New England College of Optometry in Ocular Diseases and Pharmaceutical Application in 1996. Did Masters Degree in Optometry with special interest in Paediatric Vision in 1998. Went to the UK to do the British Conversion course and became a Member of the British College of Optometrists in 2002 (MBCO). Then did the Certificate of Advanced Study in Paediatric, Binocular and Sports Vision in 2008 through New England College of Optometry. Attended courses on ADHD through ADHASA. Did a dyslexia identification and support course through UJ and SAALED in 2013.

Also qualified as FGASA Field/Nature Guide NQF2 in 2017. Appointed as an Honorary Ranger with SANPARKS in 2017. Doing talks to schools, fund raising and educational displays for the public on Nature Conservation and SANPARKS. So if anyone is looking for a nature guide to do Paediatric Training while providing commentary on the bushveld I'm your go-to person!

Lecturer at RAU/UJ from Jan 1993- Dec 2016 in various subjects including Paediatric Vision, Ocular Pathology, Ocular Pharmacology and Diagnostic Techniques.

Studied psychology, science for society and astronomy through UNISA.

In private practice since 1991 with special interest in paediatric vision, dyslexia and visually related learning difficulties.

Started the Paediatric Training Academy which provides post-grad courses to qualified optometrists in paediatric vision assessment, vision therapy and binocular vision in 2012.

Regular columnist for EYESITE, MIMS Optimag, Your Baby and other publications. Medical Editor for MIMS Optimag in 2015 and 2016.

Currently writing a book on Paediatric Examination Techniques.

Was the Africa and Middle East coordinator for IACLE (International Association of Contact Lens Educators) as well as chairman of Binocular and Paediatric Vision Association.

Winner of the Best Optometrist of the year award from Vision Magazine in November 2018.

Hobbies include nature guiding, reading, travel, mountain biking, hiking, wildlife, scuba diving, bungee jumping, motor cycling, astronomy, beading, paleontology, cooking, fly-fishing, cats, finding awesome stuff to do on my i-Pad and learning more about Nature. I live with my long-suffering husband Prof Wayne Gillan and my tremendously spoilt Blue British Shorthair cat Purdy.