

Dr. Wayne Gillan-Abridged CV

Wayne qualified in 1979 earning a DipOptom. He was in private practice in Krugersdorp from 1980 to 2000. Started lecturing at RAU in 1987 as a part-timer and took early retirement from UJ (ex-RAU) at the end of 2016 (yes, that is 30 years of lecturing to final year students!). Subjects taught (for various periods) include environmental and industrial optometry, ocular pathology, binocular vision (for 27 years) and contact lenses (17 years). Received a MPhil (1987) and DPhil (2004) from RAU, CAS in diagnostic drug use (NewEnCo, 1995), Dip SBM (SAIM, 1984) as well as FAAO and FIACLE status along the way. He has successfully guided several postgraduate students to masters and doctoral degrees.

His optometric area of interest was keratoconus, the biochemistry underlying the condition and the compensation for the disease making use of rigid contact lenses. He also learnt a little regarding binocular vision while lecturing the subject.

He has published over 80 local optometric articles, presented over 50 articles at various national and international congresses and earned a NRF rated scientist: C3 grading.

He has also studied mathematics, astronomy, Latin, electronics, English writing and statistics at UNISA, just for the fun of learning new things. In 2016 he became a FGASA field guide and in 2017 a SANparks Honorary Ranger. "Extra-curricular" interests include: paleo-anthropology, astronomy, mountain biking, fly-fishing, nature conservation, learning more about science and volunteering as a honorary ranger.