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At the University of Pretoria, she acquired all her tertiary qualifications: BA degree in 1993; BA hons (Semitic languages) with distinction in 1995; and BD degree in 1996. She received awards for the best student in her class; in Old Testament; in Church History; and best BD dissertation.

She obtained (2000) a MA degree in Semitic Languages with distinction with a dissertation entitled: '4QInstruction-fragmente en ander Wysheidsgeskrifte: 'n Ondersoek na intertekstualiteit' (4QInstruction fragments and other wisdom writings: an intertextual study). For her Masters' dissertation, she conducted research at the Qumran Institute in Gröningen, under the guidance of Prof Florentino García Martínez and Prof Eibert Tigchelaar.

She completed a PhD in 2006 with a title of: '1 & 2 Kronieke as 'n magstekes' (1 & 2 Chronicles as a discourse of power). For this PhD thesis, she worked on Chronicles, doing a comparative study with the content of the possible "source texts" of Chronicles. She concluded that 1 and 2 Chronicles functioned as a power discourse that had to promote the interests of the post-exile temple elite in Jerusalem and legitimize their control over the cult.

In 2012, she was appointed as senior lecturer in the Department of Old Testament Studies in the Faculty of Theology. At the Faculty, she serves on the "Teaching and Learning" committee and the "Marketing and Branding Committee".

In 2021 she obtained a second PhD, this time in Semitic Languages, with a title of *The Ideological Necessity for the Transformation of the Lady Metaphors in Judaic Wisdom Literature*. For this study, she analysed the metaphor of personified wisdom in the Judaic wisdom corpora to see how this "character" changed and how this metaphor was utilised in different texts for different contexts. The metamorphoses of the feminine metaphor in Judaic wisdom texts were studied against the socio-historical context(s) of each text.

Ananda Geysler-Fouché is an Associate Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew Scriptures at the University of Pretoria. She studies the Hebrew Bible, Second Temple Judaism and Qumran texts. She has published many articles and chapters in volumes. She acted as a reviewer of articles as well as the mentor of postgraduate students. She was the sub-editor of the bundle in HTS Theological Studies: 'Original Research: Special Collection Qumran Texts', 2016. She was the co-editor of two international volumes, which were published in collaboration with Prof. John J Collins. They are *Scribal Practice, Text and Canon in the Dead Sea Scrolls. Essays in Memory of Peter W. Flint*, STDJ 130, 2019; and *Emerging Sectarianism in the Dead Sea Scrolls: Continuity, Separation, and Conflict*, STDJ 141, 2021.

Research Interest:

- Second Temple Judaism
- Apocalyptic Literature
- Old Testament books like: Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Ruth, Daniel, Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes.
- Her main focus areas are Second Temple Literature and Qumran texts (Dead Sea Scrolls). She focuses on postmodern and postcolonial epistemologies, utilises literary theories, and applies them in the exegesis of selected Second Temple and Qumran texts. She focuses on how the ideological and contextual factors informed the authors' viewpoints, and that it is evident in the literary techniques and the polemical approaches, which were applied.