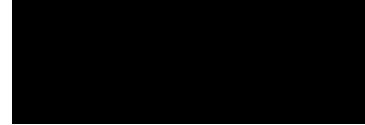


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Nina Rachelle Atcheson (nee Koolik) was born in Australia. She attended Adventist schools until her family moved to Russia as missionaries in 1992. After returning to Australia in grade 11 and completing high school, Atcheson received a scholarship to attend Avondale College where she earned her BA in teaching with a major in English and a minor in religion. In 2003 she married Matthew Atcheson. Later, she earned a Master of Religious Education from Australian Catholic University.

From 2001–2004, Atcheson worked at Sydney Adventist College. It was during this time that she began to write new teaching programs to engage students in Bible classes. She also served at Northpine Christian College from 2005–2006.

In 2006 Atcheson resigned from teaching to be a stay-at-home mom. She balanced caretaking with a project from Adventist Schools Australia—writing the high school component of a new Bible course of study called the Adventist Encounter Curriculum. In 2007, she launched the Encounter Curriculum in

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lifelong learning and her innovative development of K–12 curriculum that
he textbook, Andrews University takes great pleasure in honoring Nina
the degree Doctor of Pedagogy, *honoris causa*.