

Dr. John J. Norton, Ph.D.

Bio: I am a native Southern Californian. I attended a small college prep school in San Juan Capistrano called St. Margaret's Episcopal School. I enjoyed a four year college experience at Point Loma Nazarene University where I captained the men's varsity tennis team, and where I majored in Applied Communications. While at Point Loma Nazarene I played piano in the campus praise band and learned to surf. After college I competed on the professional tennis circuit. While teaching tennis as a professional instructor at a country club in San Juan Capistrano, I earned my masters degree in English at California State University, Fullerton. Before becoming a professor at Concordia University, I taught English to junior high school students at Capistrano Valley Christian School and at St. Margaret's Episcopal School. I earned my PhD in English from Sheffield Hallam University in the UK. I have been married for 10 years, and I have two children.

## PhD English

Areas of study/ primary research:

- 1. English literature, especially Shakespearean drama.
- 2. Reformation theology, especially Martin Luther and John Calvin.
- 3. American Literature, especially modern literature from Emerson to present.
- 4. T.S. Eliot, poetry and plays.

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