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John Dennison is a local Pakeha academic and writer. He grew up in Wellington, but five years in Dunedin left its mark, and he feels most at home on the South Island – the further south the better, as a rule! Perhaps that's why he recently spent three years with his wife and young family in St Andrews, Scotland – nothing like living by the North Sea at 56° N to put you in mind of the Deep South. John's a pretty hopeless case of academia, with degrees in English, Classics, and Theology. He's also a poet, so you can confide to him about your secret poetry jottings and he won't turn a hair – in fact, he'd be delighted. John taught on CCSP faculty in 2006 and 2012, and he's looking forward to more.