INFORMATION FOR COURSE DESCRIPTION BOOKLET

INSTRUCTOR’S NAME: Julia Schleck

COURSE NUMBER: Engl 330E  TITLE: Chaucer-Shakespeare-Milton

SECTION NUMBERS: 001  TIMES & DAYS: TR 11:00-12:15

AIM:
To read and discuss, in considerable depth, three works which are arguably among the best pieces in the DWM canon. This version of Chaucer-Shakespeare-Milton will focus on three great love stories, one with a tragic end, one a comic end, and the other a morally ambiguous conclusion. Chaucer’s Troilus and Creseyde, Shakespeare’s “Shrew” and her Tamer, and Adam and Eve will each confront serious philosophical and/or theological issues in the course of their stories as well as daunting challenges to their unions. Join me in exploring some of the most fascinating and beautiful verse in the English language tradition, in all their intellectual and aesthetic complexity.

TEACHING METHOD:
Full and small group discussion mixed with occasional lecture, and some student-led discussion.

REQUIREMENTS:
Several short papers
One longer research essay
Posted discussion questions
A willingness to learn to read in Middle English

TENTATIVE READING LIST:
Chaucer’s Troilus and Creseyde
Shakespeare’s Taming of the Shrew
Milton’s Paradise Lost
Secondary sources on these texts