



## **Chaucer Spring 2009**

English 4523/6523  
TTh 11-12:15  
Professor Holly Johnson

In this course we will study the poetry of Geoffrey Chaucer within the context of the fourteenth century. We will focus on *The Canterbury Tales* but will also study some of Chaucer's earlier works, including *The Book of the Duchess* and *The Parliament of Fowls*. We will read these works in Middle English, so you will learn to read and pronounce Middle English with a reasonable degree of accuracy and ease. Course requirements include translation quizzes, a short translation project, a research paper and annotated bibliography, a midterm, and a final exam.