Department of English  
University of Waterloo

English 451B: Victorian Novel & Essay

Time: MWF 2:30
Place: Hagey Hall 139
Office hours: MWF 10-12 noon; 3:30-4:30 p.m., or by appointment. Phone: 888-4567, ex 3743

John Ruskin, *Unto This Last*. Canbook
John Henry Newman, selections to be provided from *The Idea of a University, A Liberal Education, A Grammar of Assent*.

Purpose: The class will be an historical and critical study of major essayists and novelists of the period. In general the novelists Bronte, Dickens and Collins consider the growth of the soul amid the pressures of external manipulation. The essayists Ruskin, Arnold, Mill, Carlyle and Newman consider the same issue from a logical, theoretical perspective rather than a fictional one. We will read selections from rather than the entirety of the essays.

Assignments: Essay 1 due Jan 29 20 marks
Mid-term Feb 12 25
Essay 2 Mar 12 25
Examination April 30
Total 100

Lecture Schedule:
Monday Jan 4 Bronte, *Jane Eyre*.
Monday Jan 18 Ruskin, *Unto This Last*.
Monday Jan 25 Arnold, *Culture and Anarchy*.
Monday Feb 1 Dickens, *Oliver Twist*.
Fri Mar 1 Collins, *The Woman in White*.