

Dr Natalie Houston

ENGL 4378: Women Writers

section 16552

T/Th 4:00-5:30

The Victorian period witnessed incredible growth in writing and publishing of all kinds. Technological, economic, and social changes offered women writers new opportunities for publishing their works to ever-wider audiences. This course focuses on works by three major women poets from the Victorian period: Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Christina Rossetti, and Augusta Webster. These poems include a book-length "verse novel," love sonnets, political poems, ballads and narrative poems, illustrated poems, and short lyrics designed for children. We will be examining how these poets used different poetic forms to express their experience and discuss the status of women in Victorian society.