The First Annual Thomas More Conference

4-6 November 2005
at University of Dallas, www.udallas.edu

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Friday, Nov. 4, 2005
4:00 – 5:30 Symposium #1: More’s Utopia, Book 1: Can the learned professions really affect justice?
Lynch Aud. Who wins this argument: More the lawyer or Raphael the experienced observer?
Presentations by scholars representing the literary (Dr. Stephen W. Smith), political (Dr. Richard Dougherty), philosophic (Dr. Jeff Lehman), & theological (Dr. John Boyle) perspectives, followed by questions and discussion. Chaired by Dr. Gerard Wegemer, Director of the Center for Thomas More Studies.

6:00 p.m. Reception & dinner, Haggar Dining Room, University of Dallas
7:30 p.m. “Humanist More,” the Annual Thomas More Lecture by Dr. George M. Logan, principal editor of the Cambridge Utopia; co-editor of the Norton Anthology of English Literature (5th-8th editions); editor of the forthcoming History of King Richard III by Thomas More; author of The Meaning of More’s “Utopia” (Princeton UP); Cappon Professor of English, Queen’s University, Canada. Reception, in Upstairs Haggar.

Saturday, Nov. 5, 2005
9:00 a.m.– 10:30 a.m. Symposium #2: More’s Utopia, Book 2: According to Raphael's account, what is the view of law, justice, government, and statesmanship as they have evolved over the 1,760 years of Utopia’s existence? Is this view attractive to you? Why?
Lynch Aud.

11:00 a.m.– 12:30 p.m. Panel #1: An Historical Inquiry: “Interrogating Thomas More.” Rev. Joseph Koterski, SJ, (chair of Philosophy at Fordham University) will respond to “Interrogating Thomas More: The Conundrums of Conscience” by Prof. Steven D. Smith of San Diego Law School. (See www.thomasmorestudies.org for Prof. Smith’s article.) Afterwards Prof. Smith will cross-exam, and Prof. Koterski will reply. Then conference participants get their say.

1:00 p.m. Lunch, Haggar Dining Room
2:00–3:30 p.m. Symposium #3: More’s Utopia as a whole: What does Utopia help us see about human nature, law, justice, government, statesmanship? Do the appended epigrams on government support or oppose what is presented in Utopia?
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4:00–5:00 p.m. Panel #2: “The Development of Thomas More Studies” with Dr. George M. Logan and Dr. Clarence H. Miller, chaired by Dr. Elizabeth McCutcheon (Professor Emerita and Past President of Amici Thomae Mori)
Lynch Aud.

6:00 p.m. Annual Thomas More Banquet, Haggar Dining Room
Banquet speaker: Dr. Clarence H. Miller, Executive Editor of Yale UP’s Complete Works of St. Thomas More, translator of the 2001 Yale edition of Utopia, Professor Emeritus of St. Louis Univ.

Sunday, Nov. 6, 2005
9:15-10:45 a.m. Academic seminars
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For additional information, go to www.thomasmorestudies.org.

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