



THE CENTER FOR THOMAS MORE STUDIES  
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– CALL FOR PAPERS –

## Thomas More, Leading Citizen: Grandfather of Republican Self-government?

### Thursday-Saturday, 6-8 November 2025

**Call for Papers:** You are invited to submit short position papers on any aspect of Thomas More's writings related to his understanding of government and its effects. Papers exploring literary, philosophical, historical, political, theological, rhetorical, legal, or cultural dimensions of More's treatment of government are welcome. Papers related to More's effect on later thinkers, especially on the Founders of the U.S.A (such as Hamilton in Federalist Paper #6), would also be welcome

**Common texts we will use:** *The Essential Works of Thomas More* (Yale UP, 2020), but Gerald Malsbary's new translation of More's Latin *Richardi Tertii* and the CTMS translations of *Utopia* and the Epigrams. See <https://thomasmorestudies.org/teaching/>.

Accepted papers will be distributed to the other members of your seminar group, and **each participant agrees to read the others' papers of your seminar group before** coming in November. The **maximum length** is ten double-spaced pages. Since we are using the seminar format, attendance is limited.

#### Deadlines:

- **Seminar paper abstracts** are due by **February 15, 2025**. Acceptances will be sent by **February 28, 2025**.  
Send these to: [morestudies@gmail.com](mailto:morestudies@gmail.com).
- **Completed papers** must be received by **August 15, 2025**.  
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(N.B.: Seminar topics are just suggestions; final topics will be determined after papers are submitted.)

#### Thursday, 6 November 2025

- 4:30 Shuttle leaves hotel lobby for UD
- 5:00 "What Did Thomas More Know about Ancient Republican Rome and How Did It Influence His Thought?" by Dr. Bradley Ritter, Chair of Classics, Ave Maria University

#### Friday, 7 November 2025 (all seminars in SB Hall 138)

- 8:40 Shuttle leaves hotel lobby for UD [Breakfast at hotel for those staying at the Marriott]
- 9:00-10:15 Seminar: A Strange Republicanism in *Utopia*?
- 11:00-12:15 Seminar: Republicanism in More's Latin *Richard III*?
- 12:30 Lunch
- 2:15-3:30 Seminar: Republicanism in More's Epigrams?
- 4:00-5:15 "Thomas More's and Renaissance Conceptions of Tyranny" by Dr. James Hankins, Professor of History, Harvard University

#### Saturday, 8 November 2025 (all seminars in SB Hall 138)

- 8:40 Shuttle leaves hotel lobby for UD [Breakfast at hotel for those staying at the Marriott]
- 9:00-10:15 Seminar: Thomas More and the International "Republic of Letters"
- 11:00-12:15 Seminar: More on Government during Retirement and in More's Prison Writings
- 12:30 Lunch
- 2:15-3:30 Seminar: What Is More's Understanding of "Leading Citizen"?
- 4:00-4:45 Seminar: Last thoughts; next year's Conference