

# HUMANITIES SEMINARS PROGRAM

The Ideal Political State: More's *Utopia* and Swift's *Gulliver's Travels*

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Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
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## REQUIRED TEXTS:

More, Thomas. *Utopia*. Dover Thrift Editions, 1997. ISBN-13: 978-0456295831.

Swift, Jonathan. *Gulliver's Travels*. Penguin Classics, 2003.  
ISBN-13: 978-0141439495.

Miscellaneous texts will be posted by Kerstin Miller on a special Box@UA site for this course. After they are posted, Kerstin will share the link to this site with you.

## PROCEDURES:

I strongly recommend the above editions since I shall be using them and referring to particular passages by page number. Without these editions, seminarians will have difficulty locating the referenced passages. Readings should be completed before the day assigned for their discussion. The readings should require less than 2 hours per week.

## CALENDAR:

- Week 1      2 August: Introduction to biographical, literary, and historical contexts; texts will include the Chronology, Genesis 1-3, two items from Plato's *Republic*; and one item from Aristotle's *Nichomachean Ethics*
- Week 2      9 August: *Utopia*, Book One
- Week 3      16 August: *Utopia*, Book Two
- Week 4      23 August: *Gulliver's Travels*, Parts One and Two, and *The Modest Proposal*
- Week 5      30 August: *Gulliver's Travels*, Parts Three and Four and *The Lady's Dressing Room*