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The University of San Diego School of Law will commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the birth of St. Thomas More with a program to be held Tuesday, February 21 at 7:30 pm in the Joseph P. Grace Courtroom in the Law School. Three lectures on themes related to More's role in developing the law and his impact on subsequent philosophers will be presented.

"St. Thomas More and the Difficulty of Restraining Sovereign Power Through Law" will be discussed by Rev. James McConica, Professor of History, Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies, University of Toronto. A Rhodes Scholar, McConica received his doctorate in philosophy from Oxford University and is a Visiting Fellow, All Souls College, Oxford. His publications include "English Humanists and Reformation Politics" and "Thomas More: A Short Biography." Dr. Stanley Chodorow, Professor of History, UCSD, will be the commentator.

Dr. Michael Bayles, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Kentucky and Director of Graduate Study will investigate "Obedience to Lawful Authority." Bayles is Executive Director of American Section, International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy. Publications include "The Justifiability of Civil Disobedience," "In Defense of Authority," and "The Function and Limits of Political Authority." The commentary will be offered by Dr. M. B. E. Smith, Professor of Philosophy, Smith College.

The final address, "Value in a Lawyer's Life," will be delivered by E. Clinton Bamberger, Jr. with commentary by Dr. John M. Winters, Professor of Law, USD. Bamberger, currently Executive Vice President of the Legal Services Corporation, was formerly Dean of Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of American and President of the National Legal Aid and Defender Association.

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