



Field Archaeology Series on Thursday presents

***Cultural Choices and Exchange Networks:
Cereals in Iron Age and Archaic Italy***

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Thursday, January 22, 2015

Reception 5:30 pm, Lecture 6:00 pm

Kelsey Museum Lecture Hall

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Host Department: Kelsey Museum of Archaeology

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Description:

Staple foods offer an ideal opportunity to investigate cultural identity and socio-economic interactions. In Iron Age and Archaic Central Italy, several kinds of cereal staples were grown, consumed and possibly exchanged. Different patterns shown by recent archaeobotanical research suggest interesting implications for the understanding of the cultural and political landscape of Central Italy in a period of rapid transformations. A new method has been developed to detect directly the movement of cereal staples across the region and the very first preliminary results of Sr isotopic analysis on charred seeds from Gabii will be presented.

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