

## **Textile-making Tools and Elite Status at Early Gabii**

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### **Description:**

The University of Michigan's Gabii Project has been excavating at the site of ancient Gabii for the past seven years. During this time, our excavations have recovered one of the largest collections of textile-making tools from a first millennium B.C.E. settlement context in central Italy. Here I present some of my ongoing research on this class of artifacts, a spatial and functional analysis of textile-making tools from across the site. In particular, I will focus the tools from an early Iron Age complex (700-500 B.C.E.) and use this data to argue for the importance of textiles and the textile producers themselves in reifying elite identity during this formative urban period.