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**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023**

Peoria Riverfront Museum  
222 SW Washington St., Peoria, IL

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**TEXTILES OF INDIA: 1,000 YEARS OF ART AND DESIGN**  
lecture by Lee Talbot

Artists on the Indian subcontinent maintain some of the world’s most ancient and illustrious textile traditions. Generations of cultivators, weavers, dyers, printers, and embroiderers have cleverly harnessed the region’s rich natural resources to create a remarkable range of fine fabrics. Using examples from the collection of the George Washington University Museum, this talk will showcase Indian artists’ achievements in textile production and



**textile fragment**  
Gujarat, India, circa 800  
cotton, indigo dye  
*The Textile Museum*

patterning from across the country and over time. Spanning time, region, technique, and levels of patronage, the fabrics will be discussed in three thematic sections corresponding to the predominate ornamental elements traditionally used by Indian textile makers: abstract, floral, and figurative. The talk will demonstrate how the designs on Indian textiles impact color and beauty, communicate personal and group identity, express deeply felt spiritual beliefs, or render fabrics appropriate for a specific person, place, occasion, or consumer market.

**thalposh or dowry wrapper**  
(detail)  
Sindh, Pakistan, early 20<sup>th</sup> century  
cotton, silk embroidery  
*Karun Thakar Collection*

Talbot is curator at The Textile Museum, George Washington University. He specializes in the history of East Asian textiles. He worked previously at the Chung Young Yang Embroidery in Seoul, Korea. He has a BA from Rhodes College, an MBA from the Thunderbird School of Global Management, and an MA and MPhil from Bard Graduate Center.



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