

CURRICULUM VITAE (CVA)

Part A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

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A.1. Current position

Position	Senior Researcher (Investigador Científico de OPIs)		
Initial date	16/02/2021		
Institution	CSIC		
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Keywords	Early Medieval History; Early Medieval Archaeology; Social History; Territoriality; Written Culture; Medieval Cartularies		

A.2. Previous professional status

Period	Position/Institution/Country/Interruption cause
2008-2020	Tenured Researcher (Científico Titular) / CSIC / Spain
2004-2008	"Ramón y Cajal" Researcher / CSIC / Spain
2001-2003	Part-time Associate Lecturer / U. Carlos III de Madrid / Spain
2000-2003	Post-doctoral Researcher / CSIC / Spain
1997-1999	Post-doctoral Researcher / University College London / UK

A.3. Education

PhD, Licensed, Graduate	University/Country	Year
PhD	Universidad Complutense de Madrid	1996
Licensed	Universidad Complutense de Madrid	1985

Part B. CV SUMMARY

1. RESEARCH ORIENTATION: My research focuses on the historical and archaeological study of early medieval European societies, a general purpose that unfolds along three main strands:

- The study of territoriality, social structuration and power. I have produced relevant advances on the interconnections between early medieval localities and their 'worlds beyond'.
- The analysis of medieval written sources regarding historical memory, political discourse and documentary forgeries. I have published extensively on the impact of written culture and literacy on the development of social complexity, particularly with the creation of managerial tools such as charters, registries and cartularies.
- The application of Information Technologies (especially database design and e-mapping).

2. FUNDED PROJECTS: My research achievements derive primarily from the funded projects that I have led over the years. Most of these projects have been conceived as networks of international researchers, a format that I consider particularly conducive to comparative studies. This approach has allowed me to develop a dynamic network of international connections with researchers from UK, Italy, Iceland, Portugal, Belgium and Germany. Besides being PI of one Marie Skłodowska-Curie – International Fellowship, since 2005 I have continuously worked as PI of projects funded by the Spanish Government (under the former Plan Nacional and current Plan Estatal programmes), whether with stand-alone projects or within the framework of the Proyectos Coordinados strand. Continuous

success in proposal writing and project management has allowed me to attract funding over 500,000 € so far. Besides, I have participated in ca. 20 regional, national, and international projects.

To date, my publications comprise one authored monograph (Archaeopress, 2002), six co-edited volumes (ENS-Lyon-CSIC, 2004; Brill, 2004; Meridiennes-CSIC, 2010; Brepols, 2013; Brepols, 2019; Brepols, 2024); ca. 30 journal articles, and ca. 60 chapters in collective volumes, of which ca. 25 in English. I have presented ca. 100 conference papers and acted as invited speaker in Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brasil, Croatia, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Ireland, Portugal, UK, and USA. I have organized many scientific meetings in Spain and abroad, mainly as part of the projects I have been the PI of, including major events, such as the 6th Annual Meeting of CARMEN, Madrid-Segovia, 2011; or *Chartes et cartulaires comme instruments de pouvoir. Espagne et l'Occident chrétien*, Madrid, 2010, as well as sessions at Leeds IMC (2014) and at the Meetings of the European Archaeologists Association (Istanbul, 2014, Glasgow 2015), as well as several seminar series.

I have served as expert reviewer of project and contract proposals for national and international agencies, including European Commission (Marie Skłodowska-Curie COFUND Actions); European Science Foundation (HERA); CONECYT (Argentina); ANEP (Contratos y Proyectos); Junta de Andalucía (Proyectos); Xunta de Galicia (Proyectos). I have also served as confidential informer for the provision of academic positions at Institute of Archaeology - University College London, Reino Unido; Loyola University (USA); Southern Connecticut State University (USA); Sonoma State University (USA); Fordham University (USA). I have peer-reviewed monographs for Brepols (Turnhout, Bélgica), Publicaciones de la Universidad de Oviedo, Publicaciones de la Universidad de León, Publicaciones de la Universidad del País Vasco, and the Câmara Municipal de Viseu (Portugal), and articles for many journals, including Anuario de Estudios Medievales, Archivo Español de Arqueología, Arqueología de la Arquitectura, e-Spania, Early Medieval Europe, Hispania, Historia Agraria, Journal of Medieval Iberian Studies, Medieval Archaeology, and Studia Historica. Historia Medieval.

I currently serve at the Editorial Boards of the *The Medieval Countryside* series (Brepols), *Documentos de Arqueología Medieval* (U. País Vasco) and *Studia Historica. Historia Medieval* (U. Salamanca). Previously, I have been Chief Editor of Hispania (CSIC), Senior Editor of *Journal of Medieval Iberian Studies*, and board member of other major publications.

3. TRAINING OF EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS: I have supervised 2 PhD theses and currently supervise four more. I have also supervised 4 Master Theses and acted as tutor of early career researchers under the MSC-IF and FPI programmes, under the JAE-Intro programme (9 students) and under the Universidad Complutense extra-curricular internships programme (3 students). Additionally, I have organised 4 CSIC Specialisation Courses and participated in many others.

C.1. Publications (selected)

C.1.1. Monographs:

- Julio Escalona: *Sociedad y territorio en la Alta Edad Media castellana. La formación del Alfoz de Lara*, British Archaeological Reports, Int. Series, 1079 (Oxford: Barhedges, 2002).

C.1.2. Edition of collective volumes:

- Julio Escalona, Álvaro Carvajal y Cristina Jular: *Conflict, language, and social practice in medieval societies* (Turnhout: Brepols, 2024).

- Julio Escalona, Orri Vésteinsson and Stuart Brookes: *Polity and Neighbourhood in Early Medieval Europe*, (Turnhout: Brepols, 2019).

- Julio Escalona and Hélène Sirantoine: *Chartes et cartulaires comme instruments de pouvoir. Espagne et Occident chrétien, VIIIe-XIIe siècles* (Meridiennes – CSIC: Toulouse, 2013).

- Julio Escalona and Andrew Reynolds: *Scale and scale change y the Early Middle Ages. Exploring landscape, local society and the world beyond* (Turnhout: Brepols, 2011)

- Isabel Alfonso, Hugh Kennedy, Julio Escalona: *Building legitimacy. Political discourses and forms of legitimation in medieval societies* (Leiden: Brill, 2004)

- Isabel Alfonso, Julio Escalona, Georges Martin: *Lucha política. Condena y legitimación en la España medieval* (Lyon: ENS, 2004)

C.1.3. Journal Articles (selected recent, peer-reviewed):

1- Julio Escalona y Álvaro Carvajal: “Las iglesias locales como escenario de juramentos judiciales en el noroeste de la península ibérica altomedieval”, *Hispania Sacra*, 154 (2024).

- 2- Sonia Serna and Julio Escalona: "Falsificaciones y procesos judiciales. Contexto de producción y utilización de un supuesto original de San Pedro de Cardeña", *Anuario de Estudios Medievales*, 52/2, (2022), 887-916.
- 3- Julio Escalona and Álvaro Carvajal Castro: "The value of status: monetary penalties in the charters from León (854–1037)", *Journal of Medieval History*, 46, (2019), pp. 23-49.
- 4- Julio Escalona, Cristina Jular Pérez-Alfaro, and Anna Bellettini: "Two graphical models for the analysis and comparison of cartularies", *Digital Medievalist*, 11, (2017).
- 5- Escalona, Julio: "The Endings of Early Medieval Kingdoms: Murder or Natural Causes?", *Reti Medievali Rivista*, 17-2, (2016) [1]-[11].
- 6- Escalona, Julio. "In the name of a distant king: representing royal authority in the county of Castile, c.900–1038", *Early Medieval Europe* 24,1 (2016): 74-102.
- 7- Escalona, Julio, Isabel Velázquez Soriano, Paloma Juárez. "Identification of the sole extant charter issued by Fernán González, Count of Castile (932-970)", *Journal of Medieval Iberian Studies* 4,1 (2012): 259-88.
- 8- Escalona, Julio. "The early Castilian peasantry: An archaeological turn?". *Journal of Medieval Iberian Studies* 1,2 (2009): 119-45.

C.1.4. Book chapters (selected recent, in peer-reviewed volumes):

1. Julio Escalona: "Commons and the Political in early medieval Castile", in Igor Santos Salazar (ed.), *Social complexity and weak states: The forms of governance in Western Europe between the eighth and eleventh centuries*, Bilbao, Universidad del País Vasco, 2024, pp. 123-135.
2. Julio Escalona and Álvaro Carvajal Castro: "Mills and the politics of water management in the NW of the Iberian Peninsula, 900-1050", in Iñaki Martín Viso (ed.), *Political landscapes in Late Antiquity and Early Middle Ages: the Iberian Northwest in the Context of Southern Europe*, Reti Medievali e-Books, Firenze, Reti Medievali, 2024, pp. 225-247.
3. Julio Escalona: "Feudalismos de ida y vuelta", in Iñaki Martín Viso (ed.) *Los procesos de formación del feudalismo: La península ibérica en el contexto europeo*, Gijón: Trea, 2023, pp. 315-27.
4. Julio Escalona: "One Monk, one Donkey, one Dead Man: Contexts for a Homicide in a Tenth-Century Sahagún Charter", in I. Alfonso; J. M. Andrade; A. Marques (eds.) *Records and Processes of Dispute Settlement in Early Medieval Societies: Iberia and Beyond*, Leiden: Brill, 2023, 364-86.
5. Julio Escalona: "The Tenth-Century Castilian Church in the Wider Iberian Context: The Large Gap between Ideal and Reality", in S. Panzram and P. Poveda (eds.) *Bishops under Threat. Contexts and Episcopal Strategies in the Late Antique and Early Medieval West*, Berlin: De Gruyter, 2023, 139-164.
6. Julio Escalona: "Early medieval state formation: A view from two peripheries", in J. C. Moreno García (ed.), *From House Societies to States: Early Political Organisation from Antiquity to the Middle Ages*, Oxford - Philadelphia: Oxbow, 2022, pp. 259-79.
7. Julio Escalona and Iñaki Martín Viso. "The Life and Death of an Historiographical Folly: The Early Medieval Depopulation and Repopulation of the Duero Basin", in *Beyond the Reconquista: New Directions in the History of Medieval Iberia (711-1085)*, ed. Simon Barton y Robert Portass (Leiden: Brill, 2020), 21-51.
8. Escalona, Julio, "Dense Local Knowledge: Grounding Local to Supralocal Relationships in Tenth-Century Castile", in Escalona, Julio, Vésteinsson, Orri y Brookes, Stuart, eds., *Polity and Neighbourhood in Early Medieval Europe*, The Medieval Countryside, 21, Turnhout, Brepols, 2019, pp. 351–379.
9. Julio Escalona, "Community Meetings in Early Medieval Castile: An Exploration", in Reynolds, Andrew, Carroll, Jayne y Yorke, Barbara, ed., *Power and Place in Europe in the First Millennium AD*, Proceedings of the British Academy, 224, London, The British Academy, 2019, pp. 216-237.
10. Escalona, Julio, "¿Un "cartulario milagroso"? Cronología y proyecto en los *Miráculos Romançados* de Santo Domingo de Silos", in Jardin, Jean-Pierre, Rochwert-Zuili, Patricia y Thieulin-Pardo, Hélène, ed., *Histoires, femmes, pouvoirs. Mélanges offerts au Professeur Georges Martin*, Rencontres, 368, Paris, Classiques Garnier, 2018, pp. 159-199.

C.2. Congresses (selected)

C.2.1: Organizer (only most relevant)

1. (with Margarita Fernández Mier and Álvaro Carvajal Castro) "To see and to be seen in the Middle Ages", III SYMPOSIUM OF THE SOCLOC PROJECT, 10-11/02/2025, Madrid, CCHS-CSIC.

2. Conference Session "Place-Names and Archaeology: inter-disciplinary perspectives in a European context", Annual Conference of the European Association of Archaeologists, Glasgow (3/09/2015).
3. *6th Annual Meeting of CARMEN* (Co-operative for the Advancement of Research through a Medieval European Network) CCHS-CSIC, Madrid-Segovia, 9-11 / 09/ 2011.
4. *Documentos y cartularios como instrumentos de poder: España y el Occidente cristiano (ss. VIII-XII)* CCHS-CSIC, Madrid, 25-26/02/2010.

C.2.2: Invited speaker (selected 10 in most relevant international events)

1. Julio Escalona: "Local Landscapes and Human Minds. Notes on the Scales of Spatial Knowledge in the Early Middle Ages", in International Conference *Medieval Rural Space*, Zagreb, Catholic Univ. of Croatia, 16-17/10/2024.
2. Julio Escalona: "The Tenth-Century Castilian Church: The Large Gap between Ideal and Reality". International Conference *Bishops under Threat: Contexts and Episcopal Strategies between Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages in the West*. Universität Hamburg. 24-26/06/2021.
3. Julio Escalona: "Towards an Archaeology of state Formation in North-West Iberia". Congreso Internacional *Archaeology of social and political inequality in Early Medieval Europe. A tribute to Chris Wickham*. Universidad del País Vasco, Vitoria, 22/09/2016.
4. Julio Escalona: "Follow the money? Justice and authority in the sanction clauses of tenth-century Castilian charters". *Congreso Internacional Law, Custom and Ritual in the Medieval Mediterranean* (Society for the Medieval Mediterranean conference 2015). U. de Lincoln (Reino Unido), 14/07/2015.
5. Julio Escalona: "Not quite the same: settlement and community in early medieval Castile". *Past Landscapes and Communities*. U. de Oxford (Reino Unido), 22/09/2015.
6. Julio Escalona: "Re-scaling Medievalism: A Counter-Eurocentric View". *Congreso Internacional Investing in the Past. Medieval Europe in the Globalized 21st Century (IPMEG)*. Jahorina (Bosnia Herzegovina), 08/09/2015.
7. Julio Escalona: "Memory and Attachment: Using and re-using the Castilian Middle Ages". *Traditionalism. A Challenge to Historical Disciplines?* Museo de Historia Cultural (Oslo, Noruega), 02/04/2014.
8. Julio Escalona: "Community meetings in medieval Castile: an exploration". *Power and Place in Later Roman and early medieval Europe. Interdisciplinary perspectives on governance and civil organization*. Londres, Institute of Archaeology (UCL), 11/11/2011.
9. Julio Escalona: "La geografía de la Historia Silense". *Congreso internacional Historiographie Léonaise, Castillane et Navarraise du XIIe siècle. 3 : L'Historia Legionensis (dite Silensis)*. U. de la Sorbona, París, 3/12/2011.
10. Julio Escalona: "Rethinking the early Castilian peasantry: a (mostly) archaeological perspective". *Medieval Peasants Revisited*. The Huntington, San Marino CA, USA, 2008-05-16.

C.3. Research projects (only as PI of major projects, funded through competitive calls)

C.3.1: International

1. *CLAIMing land in early medieval localities: an interdisciplinary study of land claims and property regimes in the north-west of the Iberian Peninsula (9th-11th)*. ERC (MSC-IF actions). Fellow: Álvaro Carvajal Castro (Ref: 793905). 24/06/2021 – 23/12/2022. Funding: 92.491,20 €.

C.3.2. National

1. *Información, poder y conflicto en el reino asturleonés (ss. IX-XI)*. Funding body: Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities, PID2024-155273NB-C44. 01/09/2025- 31/08/2029. Funding: 55,000 €.
2. *Diferenciación social en estratos no aristocráticos en la Alta Edad Media: El NW ibérico en perspectiva comparada*. Min. Ciencia e Innovación (Ref.: PID2020-112506GB-C44). 01/09/2021 – 31/08/2025. Funding: 60.500,00 €.
3. *Dividing space in early medieval Iberia: Forms, scales and actors*. Min. Economía y Competitividad (Ref.: HAR2016-76094-C4-3-R). 01/01/2017 – 31/12/2020. Funding: 53.240,00 €
4. *Redes monásticas y complejidad social en el condado de Castilla*. Min. (Ref.: HAR2013-47889-C3-2-P). 01/01/2015 — 31/12/2017. Funding: 22.000,00 €.
5. *Los Fundamentos del Espacio Europeo (II). Identidades locales y estados emergentes en la Europa altomedieval*. Min. Ciencia e Innovación (Ref.: HAR2010-21950-C03-01). 1-1-2011 — 31-12-2014. Funding: 42.350,00 €.