CURRICULUM VITAE

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Ancient History · Hellenistic History and Historiography · Carthage

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Research

My research focuses on the history and historiography of the Hellenistic Mediterranean, with a particular interest in Carthage between 323 and 146 BC. I investigate Carthage's participation in the institutional, social and cultural developments documented elsewhere in the central and eastern Mediterranean. My doctoral thesis examines Hannibal's career to assess how and to what extent models of power and authority associated with Alexander the Great and the Hellenistic monarchies were adapted to Carthage's republican traditions. I also study ancient representations of Carthaginian civilisation and Alexander's wider influence across the Mediterranean. My approach combines close reading of literary sources with epigraphic, numismatic and archaeological evidence.

Education

1 Mar 2022 - present — **PhD in Ancient History, in progress** · University of Alcalá, Spain.
Hannibal Barca and the imitatio Alexandri: Power and Representation in the Hellenistic World. Supervised by Professor Francisco Javier Gómez Espelosín.
Submission expected in early December 2026; viva expected in March 2027.

18 Sep 2019 - 15 Jul 2020 — **MA in Ancient Mediterranean** · Autonomous University of Barcelona, University of Alcalá and Open University of Catalonia, Spain.

7 Sep 2015 - 30 Jun 2019 — **BA in History** · University of Alcalá, Spain.

Publications

All publications are sole-authored.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

2026 — Hannibal's Appointment Reconsidered: Crisis, Legitimacy, and the Republican Institutions of Hellenistic Carthage. *Greece & Rome* 73.2, 388-407.

2026 — Melqart y Heracles en Gadir: el lenguaje ecuménico del Mediterráneo desde el extremo occidente. *Hesperia. Culturas del Mediterráneo*, special issue 29, *España y el Mediterráneo I*, 33-40.

2025 — Hamilcar Rhodanus, a Carthaginian Spy in Alexander's Army? A Historiographical Perspective. *Deimos. Zeitschrift für Antike Militärgeschichte* 1, 46-60.

2024 — Ptolemy I and the West. Exemplifying an Unfinished Policy and the Creation of the Western Clause in Alexander's *Hypomnemata*. *L'Antiquité classique* 93, 83-106.

2022 — The Murder of Hasdrubal and the Problematic Literary Transmission in Classical Sources. *Eirene. Studia Graeca et Latina* 58, 297-337.

2022 — Las primeras campañas de Aníbal Barca en Hispania (221-220 a.C.). Desde el contexto hacia el pragmatismo y la propaganda. *Latomus* 81.2, 407-438.

2021 — Cartago y Alejandro. El problemático rastreo de unas relaciones. *Antiguo Oriente* 19, 193-232.

2021 — Cartago en el contexto helenístico: procesos y consideraciones. *Cartagine. Studi e Ricerche* 6, 1-40.

Publications *(continued)*

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

2021 Alexander the Great in Persepolis. *Karanos. Bulletin of Ancient Macedonian Studies* 4, 13-33.

2020 La *imitatio Alexandri* de Aníbal Barca. *Studia Historica. Historia Antigua* 38, 21-48.

2020 La otredad en Heródoto (Hdt. IV. 23-28,1). Un análisis historiográfico, metodológico y etnográfico sobre los argipeos, isedones y arimaspos. *Memoria y Civilización* 23, 517-536.

2019 Los elefantes de Aníbal. *Espacio, Tiempo y Forma. Serie II, Historia Antigua* 32, 75-94.

BOOK CHAPTER

2024 Alexander, "the Great"? Alexander's Meaning during the Second Punic War. In *Filalexandros: La última frontera de Alejandro. Homenaje al profesor Francisco Javier Gómez Espelosín*, edited by A. I. Molina Marín and M. Agudo Villanueva, 295-312. Alcalá de Henares: Editorial Universidad de Alcalá.

BOOK REVIEWS

2025 Review of F. J. Gómez Espelosín, *Las geografías de Alejandro*. *Ancient History Bulletin Online Reviews* 14, 1-3.

2025 Review of E. Nicholson, *Philip V of Macedon in Polybius' Histories: Politics, History, and Fiction*. *Studia Historica. Historia Antigua* 43, e31936.

BOOK REVIEWS ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION

Review of B. Antela-Bernárdez, *Alexander the Great in Love: Desire, Violence and Gender in the Conquest of Asia* (Rome: L'Erma di Bretschneider, 2025). Forthcoming in *Karanos. Bulletin of Ancient Macedonian Studies*.

Review of R. M. Loehr, *Emotion and Historiography in Polybius' Histories* (London and New York: Routledge, 2024). Forthcoming in *Talanta: Proceedings of the Dutch Archaeological and Historical Society*.

Research visits

1 Oct 2026 - 30 Nov 2026 **KU Leuven, Belgium.** Doctoral research visit, in progress, hosted by Professor Stefan Schorn.

6 Jan 2025 - 29 Mar 2025 **University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom.** Doctoral research visit hosted by Professor Andrew Erskine.

1 Nov 2024 - 29 Nov 2024 **Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Italy.** Doctoral research visit hosted by Professor Giuseppe Zecchini.

Languages

Spanish (native); English (advanced); French and Italian (basic reading and listening comprehension). Reading proficiency in Latin and Ancient Greek for research.

Conference papers and seminars

24 Jun 2026 — “Hannibal as a Hellenistic Figure: The Making of a Historiographical Paradigm (c. 1870-2020).” IX Jornada Internacional de Jóvenes Investigadores ANIHO-XI SHRA, Vitoria.

8-12 Jun 2026 — “Alexander the Great and Hamilcar Rhodanus: A Carthaginian Spy?” War in the Ancient World International Conference, Complutense University of Madrid.

5 Dec 2025 — “Iberoamérica y los Estudios Helenísticos: Temas y Métodos.” Invited roundtable, Ibero-American Network of Hellenistic Studies, University of Concepción, Chile.

7 Nov 2025 — “Ptolemy I and the West: Exemplifying an Unfinished Policy and the Creation of the Western Clause in Alexander’s *Hypomnemata*.” Postgraduate Work in Progress Seminar, Institute of Classical Studies, University of London.

7 Feb 2025 — “The *imitatio Alexandri* of Hannibal Barca? The Creation of the Hellenistic Hannibal over the Last Century.” Edinburgh Classics PGR Seminar Series, University of Edinburgh.

21-23 Nov 2024 — “Hannibal Barca and the *imitatio Alexandri*: From the Nineteenth-Century Conception to the Hellenistic Hannibal.” Annual Meeting of Postgraduates in the Reception of the Ancient World, University of Malta.

10 Jul 2024 — “Hannibal’s Elephants: Some Thoughts.” War and Writing: Animals in War, University of South Africa.

14 Jun 2024 — “Hannibal’s Elephants and the Rhône: Military Issue or Historiographical Misinterpretation?” Guest lecture, War in the Ancient World International Conference, University of Graz.

18-19 Apr 2024 — “Notes on Hannibal’s Designation as New General: Education and Opposition.” Annual Meeting of Postgraduates in Ancient History, University of Cardiff.

18-26 Sep 2021 — “Ptolemy I and the West: Exemplifying an Unfinished Policy and the Creation of the Last Plans.” I Jornadas Estudiantiles de Egiptología, University of Alcalá.

25-26 Mar 2019 — “Hannibal’s Elephants.” IV Jornadas sobre el Mundo Antiguo, Autonomous University of Madrid.

Professional experience

2022-present — **Head of the Scientific Repository, Publications Unit, and Technical Standards Information Service.** National Institute for Aerospace Technology “Esteban Terradas” (INTA), Spanish Ministry of Defence.
Alongside my doctoral research, I lead the institutional repository and publishing unit and provide research and technical staff with access to technical standards. I hold a permanent civil service position obtained through competitive examination and merit-based assessment.

Scholarships

17 Oct 2019 - 16 Oct 2021 — **INTA Training Scholarship.** National Institute for Aerospace Technology “Esteban Terradas” (INTA), Spanish Ministry of Defence.

2015-2018 — General Scholarship for University Studies, Spanish Ministry of Education.

Academic memberships

Since 2024 — Spanish Society of Classical Studies (SEEC).
International Association ‘Geography and Historiography in Antiquity’ (GAHIA).
Ibero-American Network of Hellenistic Studies (RIEH).

Since 2025 — The Antigonid Network.