

Research and Publications

In addition to his books, Juan Francisco Maura has published nearly one hundred scholarly articles and book chapters in specialized journals and collective volumes in Spain, the United States, Canada, and other countries. His articles reflect the breadth of his research, encompassing the history and literature of the early Iberian presence in the Americas, the role of Spanish and Portuguese women in overseas expansion, the writings and historical legacy of Álvaro Núñez Cabeza de Vaca, early Spanish and Portuguese exploration of North America, cartography and toponymy, and the Iberian presence in Africa and Asia.

His work has appeared in leading journals and academic publications, including *Bulletin Hispanique*, *Bulletin of Spanish Studies*, *Cuadernos Hispanoamericanos*, *Hispanófila*, *Revista de Estudios Hispánicos*, *Revista Canadiense de Estudios Hispánicos*, *Romance Quarterly*, and *Lemir*.

Among his articles are studies of Spanish women in the conquest and settlement of the Americas; new documentary evidence concerning Álvaro Núñez Cabeza de Vaca; Iberian toponymy in sixteenth-century North America; Spanish and Portuguese exploration of Canada and Newfoundland before Jacques Cartier; the literary and historical representation of the conquest; and the intellectual history of early modern Spain. His more recent publications have also explored Oliva Sabuco, early Iberian navigation, and the historical relationship between the Hispanic world and North America.

Selected Research and Publications

Spanish Women in the Americas

One of Maura's best-known contributions is *Españolas de Ultramar* (2005), published by the Universitat de València. The book examines the diverse and frequently overlooked roles of Spanish women in the Americas, including their participation as travelers, adventurers, governors, builders, settlers, and writers.

Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca

Maura has written extensively on the sixteenth-century explorer **Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca**. His book *El gran burlador de América: Álvaro Núñez Cabeza de Vaca* (2008 & 2011) offers a critical interpretation of Cabeza de Vaca's celebrated *Naufraños*, examining the construction of the explorer's public image and the geographical and historical questions surrounding his account of the North American interior.

Early Iberian Exploration of Canada

A major focus of Maura's more recent research is the history of European exploration of North America before Jacques Cartier's 1534 voyage (*Españoles y portugueses en Canadá en tiempos de Cristóbal Colón*, *Lemir*, Valencia: Universidad de Valencia, 2021). His work examines sixteenth-century Spanish and Portuguese documentation, as well as cartographic and maritime

evidence, to investigate the presence and activities of Iberian navigators, fishermen, and explorers along the Atlantic coast of Canada and Newfoundland.

Photography

Since retiring from full-time teaching, Maura has also devoted substantial time to photography through his **Juan Francisco Maura Art Collection**. His photographic work explores landscapes, wildlife, and natural environments, particularly in New England and Canada, alongside the architectural, historical, and cultural landscapes of Spain and Portugal.