

Brandon Chaperon

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EDUCATION **McGill University**, Montréal, QC, Canada
M.A., Linguistics, 2025 (*expected*)
B.A., Computer Science & Linguistics, 2022

EMPLOYMENT **Research Assistant**, [Martina Martinović](#), MULL Lab 2021 – 2023
Igala (Volta-Niger) elicitation and annotation
Build and maintain [Igala Wiki](#), [MULL Lab Website](#), and [Dative](#)

FIELDWORK **Igala (Volta-Niger)**, remote from Montréal to Nigeria/London May 2021 –
Supervision by [Martina Martinović](#)

Wolof (Atlantic-Congo), Saint-Louis & Dakar, Senegal Apr 22 – May 28 2023
Supervision by [Martina Martinović](#)

Kirundi (Bantu), Montréal Jan – Jun 2022
As part of [Jessica Coon](#)'s Field Methods class (LING 415)

AWARDS **Arts Undergraduate Research Award (ARIA)**. McGill University. *Igala Sentence-Final Particles at the edge of vP*. Supervised by [Martina Martinović](#). Summer 2022. \$5,000 (CAD)

PROCEEDINGS PAPERS **Chaperon, B.** (under review). A Negative Alternation: Negation Head Movement Allomorphy in Igala. *Selected papers from the 54th Annual Conference on African Linguistics*. Contemporary African Linguistics: Language Science Press, 10.

Chaperon, B. (2023). [Unravelling the 'not': left peripheral blocking of negation in Kirundi](#). *Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics*, 46(1).

PRESENTATIONS **Conferences**
2023. *A negative alternation: Negation head movement allomorphy in Igala*. [54th Annual Conference on African Linguistics \(ACAL\)](#). University of Connecticut. June 12-14.
2022. [Focusing on Negation in Kirundi](#). 1st Toronto-Montreal Bantu Colloquium (Ba-TOM). University of Toronto. May 27-28.

Reading Group/Labs

2023. *A negative alternation: Negation head movement allomorphy in Igala*. MULL Lab meeting. McGill University. January 17.
2022. [Igala's Dual Negation](#). MULL Lab meeting. McGill University. March 30.

Invited

2024. *Wolof Applicatives*. [LING 410 - Structure of a Specific Language](#) undergraduate class for [Martina Martinović](#). McGill University. Feb 28.

Other

2022. [Igala Sentence-Final Particles at the edge of *v*P](#). Arts Undergraduate Research Event. McGill University. October 18.

2022. [Genealogic Approach to Low-Resource Language Modelling](#). MILA (Quebec AI Institute) Poster Presentation. April 26.

SERVICES

Reading Group/Labs

[Montreal Underdocumented Languages Linguistics Lab \(MULL Lab\)](#)

Co-organizer

Winter 2023 – 2024

[McGill Syntax-Semantics Reading Group](#)

Co-organizer

Fall 2023 – Winter 2024

Mentorship

[Program for Undergraduate Research in Linguistics \(Pilot Project\)](#)

[Emma Custer](#) - Syntax of Igala perfective morpheme

Winter 2024

Outreach

[North American Computational Linguistics Open Competition](#)

Training session leader

Nov 2023 – Jan 2024

Conferences & Colloquia

[55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics](#), McGill University

Organizing committee

Summer 2023 – 2024

[McGill Linguistics Colloquium Series](#)

Co-organizer

Winter 2024

Reviewing

[55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics](#)

Abstract reviewer

2023

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Operating Systems: Linux (Arch, Debian, Ubuntu), Windows, Android

Software/Services: Git, SVN, MySQL, MongoDB, Docker, Redis, RabbitMQ, Celery, ELAN, Praat

Languages: Python, Java, Javascript, Kotlin, PHP, SQL, NodeJS, R, C#, Bash, C

NATURAL LANGUAGES

Native: Français (québécois)

Near-Native: English

Intermediate: 日本語

Elementary: Русский, español

Passive: Kreyòl ayisyen

Fieldwork/Structure: Igala (Volta-Niger), Kirundi (Bantu), Wolof (Atlantic-Congo), Tseltal and Tsotsil (Mayan)