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EDUCATION **McGill University**, Montréal, QC, Canada

M.A., Linguistics 2023 – 2025  
Thesis: *v*-al-ency: Unspecified Argument Introduction in Wolof (*expected*)  
Committee: [Martina Martinović](#) and [Luis Alonso-Ovalle](#) (co-supervisors)

B.A., Computer Science & Linguistics 2019 – 2022  
Thesis: *A Negative Alternation: Negation Head Movement Allomorphy in Igala*  
Supervisor: Martina Martinović

**Vanier College**, Montréal, QC, Canada 2016 – 2019  
D.C.S., Computer Science Technology

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PAPERS To appear. 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, 12. [[pre-pub](#)]

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

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PRESENTATIONS **Conferences & Workshops**

2024. Irrealis mood enclosed negation in Igala. Sentential Negation Across the Globe Workshop ([SNAG 2024](#)). Université Paris Cité (Laboratoire de Linguistique Formelle). September 5-6. [[handout](#)]

2023. A negative alternation: Negation head movement allomorphy in Igala. 54th Annual Conference on African Linguistics ([ACAL 54](#)). University of Connecticut. June 12-14. [[handout](#)]

2022. Focusing on Negation in Kirundi. 1st Toronto-Montreal Bantu Colloquium ([Ba-ToM 1](#)). University of Toronto. May 27-28. [[handout](#)]

**Other**

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

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

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AWARDS **Graduate Research Enhancement and Travel (GREAT) Award**. *Travel funding for SNAG Workshop in Paris*. Funded by the Faculty of Arts at McGill University via the Department of Linguistics. September 5-6 2024. \$750 (CAD).

**Canada Graduate Scholarship - Master’s (CGS-M)**. *Left-peripheral properties of Negation in Niger-Congo*. Funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). 2024–2025 (12 months). \$27,000 (CAD).

**Graduate Mobility Award (GMA)**. *Travel funding for 5 weeks of Thesis-related fieldwork in Senegal*. Funded by the Government of Quebec via McGill University. Summer 2024. \$1,800 (CAD).

**Undergraduate Arts Research Internship Award (ARIA)**. *Igala Sentence-Final Particles at the edge of vP*. Funded by the Faculty of Arts at McGill University. Summer 2022. \$5,000 (CAD).

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EMPLOYMENT	<b>Teaching Assistant</b> , McGill University	
	LING 371 - Syntax 1	Winter 2025
	LING 360 - Introduction to Semantics	Fall 2024
	<b>Research Assistant</b> , Martina Martinović, <a href="#">MULL Lab</a>	2021 – 2023
	Igala (Volta-Niger) and Wolof (Atlantic) elicitation and annotation	
	Build and maintain <a href="#">Igala Wiki</a> and MULL Lab Website	
FIELDWORK	<b>Igala (Yoruboid; Volta-Niger)</b> , remotely (Nigeria & UK)	since May 2021
	Supervision by Martina Martinović	
	<b>Wolof (Senegambian; Atlantic)</b> , Saint-Louis & Dakar, Senegal	
	M.A. thesis fieldwork	Jun – Jul, 2024
	Research assistant for Martina Martinović	Apr – May, 2023
	<b>Kirundi (JD.62; Great Lakes Bantu)</b> , Montréal	Jan – Jun, 2022
	As part of <a href="#">Jessica Coon</a> ’s Field Methods class ( <a href="#">LING 415</a> )	
SERVICES	<b>Mentorship &amp; Outreach</b>	
	Website Workshop for Linguistics Graduate Students, McGill	Winter 2025
	Co-organizer	
	<a href="#">NACLO</a> (North American Computational Linguistics Open Competition)	2024, 2025
	Training session leader	
	<a href="#">PURL</a> (Program for Undergraduate Research in Linguistics), McGill	Winter 2024
	<a href="#">Emma Custer</a> (mentee): Syntax of Igala perfectives	
	<b>Reading Groups &amp; Labs</b>	
	<a href="#">Syn-Sem Reading Group</a> , McGill	2023, 2024
	Co-organizer	
	<a href="#">MULL Lab</a> (Montreal Underdocumented Languages Linguistics Lab)	2023, 2024
	(Co-)organizer	
	<b>Conferences &amp; Colloquia</b>	
	<a href="#">McGill Linguistics Colloquium Series</a>	2024, 2025
	Co-organizer	
	<a href="#">ACAL 55</a> (55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics), McGill	2023 – 2024
	Organizing committee	
	<b>Reviewing</b>	
	<a href="#">ACAL 55</a> (55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics), McGill	2023
	Abstract reviewer	
TECHNICAL SKILLS	<b>Systems/Software:</b> Linux, Git, Docker, ELAN, Praat	
	<b>Languages:</b> Python, Java, Javascript, Kotlin, PHP, SQL, NodeJS, R, C# (.NET), Bash, C, $\text{\LaTeX}$	
NATURAL LANGUAGES	<b>Native:</b> Français (Québec), English	
	<b>Intermediate:</b> 日本語	
	<b>Elementary:</b> Deutsch, Русский, español	
	<b>Fieldwork/Structure:</b> Igala (Volta-Niger), Wolof (Atlantic-Congo), Kirundi (Bantu), Tseltal and Tsotsil (Mayan), Tlingit, Eyak, and Navajo (Na-Dene)	