

# Brandon Chaperon

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

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

**Full Stack and Mobile Developer**, [PLAYMIND](#), Montréal Mar – Aug 2021  
Developed [PLAYBOX](#) online management portal and [Android App](#)

**Freelance Programmer**, Montréal 2019 – 2020  
Web Development and Python tutoring

**Junior Developer**, [GLS \(aka Dicom\)](#), Montréal Jan – May 2019  
Worked on [smart4](#) shipping platform back-end

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FIELDWORK **Igala (Volta-Niger)**, remote from Montréal May 2021 – *ongoing*  
Supervision by [Professor Martina Martinović](#)

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

**Kirundi (Bantu)**, Montréal Jan – Jun 2022  
As part of a Field Methods class (LING 415)  
Taught and supervised by [Professor Jessica Coon](#)

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

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

2023. *A negative alternation: Negation head movement allomorphy in Igala*. MULL Lab meeting. McGill University. January 17.

2022. *Igala Sentence-Final Particles at the edge of vP*. Arts Undergraduate Research Event. McGill University. October 18.

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

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

2022. [Igala's Dual Negation](#). MULL Lab meeting, McGill University. March 30.

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PROCEEDINGS  
PAPERS

Chaperon, B. (to appear). Unravelling the ‘not’ : left peripheral blocking of negation in Kirundi. *Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics*, 45(1).

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COMMUNITY

[Montreal Underdocumented Languages Linguistics Lab \(MULL Lab\)](#) 2023  
Co-organizer

[The 55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics \(ACAL 55\)](#) 2023 – 2024  
Organizing committee

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TECHNICAL  
SKILLS

**Operating Systems :** Linux (Ubuntu, Debian, Arch), Windows, Android  
**Software/Services :** Git, SVN, MySQL, MongoDB, PostgreSQL, Docker, Redis, RabbitMQ, Celery, Jest Testing, ELAN, Praat  
**Languages :** Python (PyTorch, TensorFlow, NLTK), Java, Javascript, Kotlin, PHP, (PL)SQL, NodeJS, C# (.NET), Clojure(script), OCaml, Julia (Gen), Bash, C,  $\text{\LaTeX}$

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NATURAL  
LANGUAGES

**Native :** (Québec) French  
**Near-Native :** English  
**Intermediate :** Japanese  
**Elementary :** Russian, Spanish  
**Passive :** Haitian Creole  
**Fieldwork/Structure :** Igala (Volta-Niger), Kirundi (Bantoid), Wolof (Atlantic-Congo), Tseltal and Tsotsil (Mayan)