

Brandon Chaperon

EMAIL brandon.chaperon@mail.mcgill.ca

WEBSITE bchap.ca

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

M.A., Linguistics 2023 – 2025
Thesis: *V-al-e-ncy: Benefactive/Causative syncretism 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

D.C.S., Computer Science Technology 2016 – 2019

EMPLOYMENT **Teaching Assistant**, McGill University Fall 2024
[LING 360 - Introduction to Semantics](#)

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

FIELDWORK **Igala (Yoruboid; Volta-Niger)**, remotely (Nigeria & UK) since May 2021
Supervision by [Martina Martinović](#)

Wolof (Senegambian; Atlantic), Saint-Louis & Dakar, Senegal
M.A. thesis fieldwork Jun – Jul, 2024
Research assistant for [Martina Martinović](#) Apr – May, 2023

Kirundi (JD.62; Great Lakes Bantu), Montréal Jan – Jun, 2022
As part of [Jessica Coon](#)'s Field Methods class ([LING 415](#))

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

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

PROCEEDINGS PAPERS **Chaperon, B.** (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, 10.

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

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

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

Mentorship & Outreach

- [Program for Undergraduate Research in Linguistics \(PURL\) Pilot Project](#)
[Emma Custer](#) (mentee): Syntax of Igala perfectives Winter 2024
- [North American Computational Linguistics Open Competition](#)
 Training session leader Nov 2023 – Jan 2024

Reading Groups & Labs

- [Montreal Underdocumented Languages Linguistics Lab \(MULL Lab\)](#)
 (Co-)organizer 2023 – Winter 2024
- [McGill Syntax-Semantics Reading Group](#)
 Co-organizer Fall 2023 – Winter 2024

Conferences & Colloquia

- [55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics \(ACAL\)](#), McGill University
 Organizing committee 2023 – 2024
- [McGill Linguistics Colloquium Series](#)
 Co-organizer 2024 – Winter 2025

Reviewing

- [55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics \(ACAL\)](#), McGill University
 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 (PyTorch, TensorFlow, NLTK), Java, Javascript, Kotlin, PHP, SQL, NodeJS, R, C# (.NET), Bash, C, L^AT_EX

NATURAL
LANGUAGES

Native: Français (Québec), English

Intermediate: 日本語

Elementary: Русский, español

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