

# Brandon Chaperon

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

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

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FIELDWORK ***Igala* (Volta-Niger)** May 2021 – *ongoing*  
Continuous remote fieldwork with one native speaker  
Supervision by [Professor Martina Martinović](#)  
  
***Kirundi* (Bantoid)** Jan – Jun 2022  
Field Methods (LING 415) and continuation over the summer  
Taught and supervised by [Professor Jessica Coon](#)

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EMPLOYMENT **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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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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PAPERS	Chaperon, B. (to appear). Unravelling the ‘not’ : left peripheral blocking of negation in Kirundi. <i>Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics</i> , 45(1).
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COMMUNITY	<a href="#">Montreal Underdocumented Languages Linguistics (MULL) Lab</a> , co-organizer	2023
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TECHNICAL SKILLS	<b>Operating Systems :</b> Linux (Ubuntu, Debian, Arch), Windows, Android <b>Software/Services :</b> Git, SVN, MySQL, MongoDB, PostgreSQL, Docker, Redis, RabbitMQ, Celery, Jest Testing, ELAN, Praat <b>Languages :</b> Python (PyTorch, TensorFlow, NLTK), Java, Javascript, Kotlin (Android), PHP, (PL)SQL, Clojure(script), Julia (Gen), C# (.NET), NodeJS, OCaml, Bash, C, $\text{\LaTeX}$
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NATURAL LANGUAGES	<b>Native :</b> (Québec) French <b>Near-Native :</b> English <b>Intermediate :</b> Japanese <b>Elementary :</b> Russian, Spanish <b>Passive :</b> Haitian Creole <b>Fieldwork/Structure :</b> Igala (Volta-Niger), Kirundi (Bantoid), Tseltal and Tsotsil (Mayan)
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