

Brandon Chaperon

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

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](#)

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

Wolof (Atlantic-Congo) Apr 22 – May 28 2023
Fieldwork in Senegal (Saint-Louis & Dakar)
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](#)

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

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)

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 *v*P](#). 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.

PAPERS

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

COMMUNITY

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

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, \LaTeX

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)