

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

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FIELDWORK **Igala (Volta-Niger)**, remote from Montréal to Nigeria/London May 2021 –  
Supervision by [Martina Martinović](#)

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

**Kirundi (Bantu)**, Montréal Jan – Jun 2022  
As part of [Jessica Coon](#)'s Field Methods class (LING 415)

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

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PROCEEDINGS **Chaperon, B.** (under review). 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).

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

## Reading Group/Labs

2023. *A negative alternation: Negation head movement allomorphy in Igala*. MULL Lab meeting. McGill University. January 17.  
2022. [Igala's Dual Negation](#). MULL Lab meeting. McGill University. March 30.

## Invited

2024. *Wolof Applicatives*. [LING 410 - Structure of a Specific Language](#) undergraduate class for [Martina Martinović](#). McGill University. Feb 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.

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## SERVICES

### Reading Group/Labs

[Montreal Underdocumented Languages Linguistics Lab \(MULL Lab\)](#)  
Co-organizer Winter 2023 – 2024

[McGill Syntax-Semantics Reading Group](#)  
Co-organizer Fall 2023 – Winter 2024

### Mentorship

[Program for Undergraduate Research in Linguistics \(Pilot Project\)](#)  
[Emma Custer](#) - Syntax of Igala perfective morpheme Winter 2024

### Outreach

[North American Computational Linguistics Open Competition](#)  
Training session leader Nov 2023 – Jan 2024

### Conferences & Colloquia

[55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics](#), McGill University  
Organizing committee Summer 2023 – 2024

[McGill Linguistics Colloquium Series](#)  
Co-organizer Winter 2024

### Reviewing

[55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics](#)  
Abstract reviewer 2023

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## TECHNICAL SKILLS

**Operating Systems:** Linux (Arch, Debian, Ubuntu), Windows, Android

**Software/Services:** Git, SVN, MySQL, MongoDB, Docker, Redis, RabbitMQ, Celery, ELAN, Praat

**Languages:** Python, Java, Javascript, Kotlin, PHP, SQL, NodeJS, R, C#, Bash, C

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## NATURAL LANGUAGES

**Native:** Français (québécois)

**Near-Native:** English

**Intermediate:** 日本語

**Elementary:** Русский, español

**Passive:** Kreyòl ayisyen

**Fieldwork/Structure:** Igala (Volta-Niger), Kirundi (Bantu), Wolof (Atlantic-Congo), Tseltal and Tsotsil (Mayan)