Brandon Chaperon

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EDUCATION

McGill University, Montréal, QC, Canada

M.A., Linguistics	2023 – 2025 (*expected*)
B.A., Computer Science & Linguistics	2019 – 2022

Vanier College, Montréal, QC, Canada

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

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

FIELDWORK

Igala (Volta-Niger), remotely 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 (Great Lakes Bantu), Montréal   Jan – Jun 2022
As part of Jessica Coon's Field Methods class (LING 415)

AWARDS

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)

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

PROCEEDINGS PAPERS

Chaperon, B. (accepted). 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

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.

Other

2022. Igala Sentence-Final Particles at the edge of vP. 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

Program for Undergraduate Research in Linguistics (Pilot Project)
    Emma Custer - Syntax of Igala perfectives   Winter 2024

Outreach

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   Winter 2023 – 2024

McGill Syntax-Semantics Reading Group
    Co-organizer   Fall 2023 – Winter 2024

Conferences & Colloquia

55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, McGill University
    Organizing committee   Summer 2023 – 2024

McGill Linguistics Colloquium Series
    Co-organizer   2024

Reviewing

55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics
    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, Java, Javascript, Kotlin, PHP, SQL, NodeJS, R, C#, Bash, C

Natural Languages

Native: Français (québécois)

Near-Native: English

Intermediate: Japanese (日本語)

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