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EDUCATION

McGill University, Montréal, QC, Canada

M.A., Linguistics — 2023 – 2025
Thesis: *v*-al-ency: Unspecified Argument Introduction 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

PAPERS

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, 12. [pre-pub]

2023. Unravelling the 'not': left peripheral blocking of negation in Kirundi. *Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics*, 46(1). [paper]

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. [handout]

2023. A negative alternation: Negation head movement allomorphy in Igala. 54th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL 54). University of Connecticut. June 12-14. [handout]

2022. Focusing on Negation in Kirundi. 1st Toronto-Montreal Bantu Colloquium (Ba-ToM 1). University of Toronto. May 27-28. [handout]

Other

2022. Igala Sentence-Final Particles at the edge of *v*P. Arts Undergraduate Research Event. McGill University. October 18. [poster]

2022. Genealogic Approach to Low-Resource Language Modelling. MILA (Quebec AI Institute) Poster Presentation. April 26.

AWARDS

Graduate Research Enhancement and Travel (GREAT) Award. *Travel funding for SNAG Workshop in Paris*. Funded by the Faculty of Arts at McGill University via the Department of Linguistics. September 5-6 2024. $750 (CAD).

Canada Graduate Scholarship - Master's (CGS-M). *Left-peripheral properties of Negation in Niger-Congo*. Funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). 2024–2025 (12 months). $27,000 (CAD).

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

Undergraduate Arts Research Internship Award (ARIA). *Igala Sentence-Final Particles at the edge of vP*. Funded by the Faculty of Arts at McGill University. Summer 2022. $5,000 (CAD).

EMPLOYMENT	**Teaching Assistant**, McGill University
	LING 371 - Syntax 1 — Winter 2025
	LING 360 - Introduction to Semantics — Fall 2024

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  LING 371 - Syntax 1   <i>Winter 2025</i>
  LING 360 - Introduction to Semantics   <i>Fall 2024</i>

Research Assistant, Martina Martinović, MULL Lab   <i>2021 – 2023</i>
  Igala (Volta-Niger) and Wolof (Atlantic) elicitation and annotation
  Build and maintain Igala Wiki and MULL Lab Website</td></tr>
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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)

SERVICES

Mentorship & Outreach

Website Workshop for Linguistics Graduate Students, McGill
Co-organizer — Winter 2025

NACLO (North American Computational Linguistics Open Competition)
Training session leader — 2024, 2025

PURL (Program for Undergraduate Research in Linguistics), McGill
Emma Custer (mentee): Syntax of Igala perfectives — Winter 2024

Reading Groups & Labs

Syn-Sem Reading Group, McGill
Co-organizer — 2023, 2024

MULL Lab (Montreal Underdocumented Languages Linguistics Lab)
(Co-)organizer — 2023, 2024

Conferences & Colloquia

McGill Linguistics Colloquium Series
Co-organizer — 2024, 2025

ACAL 55 (55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics), McGill
Organizing committee — 2023 – 2024

Reviewing

ACAL 55 (55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics), McGill
Abstract reviewer — 2023

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Systems/Software: Linux, Git, Docker, ELAN, Praat

Languages: Python, Java, Javascript, Kotlin, PHP, SQL, NodeJS, R, C# (.NET), Bash, C, LaTeX

NATURAL LANGUAGES

Native: Français (Québéc), English

Intermediate: 日本語

Elementary: Deutsch, Русский, español

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