Brandon Chaperon

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EDUCATION

McGill University, Montréal, QC, Canada

M.A., Linguistics, 2025 (*expected*)

B.A., Computer Science & Linguistics, 2022

EMPLOYMENT

Research Assistant, Professor Martina Martinović, MULL Lab — 2021 – 2023

Igala (Volta-Niger) elicitation and annotation

Build and maintain Igala Wiki, MULL Lab Website, and Dative

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

FIELDWORK

Igala (Volta-Niger), remote from Montréal — May 2021 – *ongoing*

Supervision by Professor Martina Martinović

Wolof (Atlantic–Congo), Saint-Louis & Dakar, Senegal — Apr 22 – May 28 2023

Supervision by Professor Martina Martinović

Kirundi (Bantu), Montréal — Jan – Jun 2022

As part of Professor Jessica Coon's Field Methods class (LING 415)

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)

PROCEEDINGS PAPERS

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

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.

COMMUNITY

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

The 55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL 55)   2023 – 2024
Organizing committee

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: 日本語
Elementary: Русский, español
Passive: Kreyòl ayisyen
Fieldwork/Structure: Igala (Volta-Niger), Kirundi (Bantu), Wolof (Atlantic-Congo), Tseltal and Tsotsil (Mayan)