Brandon Chaperon

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EDUCATION

McGill University, Montréal, QC, Canada
M.A., Linguistics   2023 – 2025
Thesis: *V-al-e-ncy: Causative-Applicative syncretism 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

EMPLOYMENT

Teaching Assistant, McGill University
LING 360 - Introduction to Semantics   Fall 2024

Research Assistant, Martina Martinović, MULL Lab   2021 – 2023
Igala (Volta-Niger) and Wolof (Atlantic) elicitation and annotation

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

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)

AWARDS

Graduate Research Enhancement and Travel (GREAT) Award. *Travel funding for SNAG 2024 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).

PROCEEDINGS PAPERS

Chaperon, B. (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, 10.

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

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.

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

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

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 & Outreach

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

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   2023 – Winter 2024

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

Conferences & Colloquia

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

McGill Linguistics Colloquium Series
    Co-organizer   2024 – Winter 2025

Reviewing

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

TECHNICAL SKILLS

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

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

NATURAL LANGUAGES

Native: Français (Québéc), English

Intermediate: 日本語

Elementary: Русский, español

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