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EDUCATION	McGill University , Montréal, Canada M.A., Linguistics Thesis: <i>v-al-ency: Two sources of causation in the Wolof Causative-Benefactive syncretism</i> Committee: Martina Martinović and Luis Alonso-Ovalle	2023 – 2025
	B.A., Computer Science & Linguistics Thesis: <i>A Negative Alternation: Negation Head Movement Allomorphy in Igala</i> Supervisor: Martina Martinović	2019 – 2022

	Vanier College , Montréal, Canada D.C.S., Computer Science Technology	2016 – 2019
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NON DEGREE	ESSLLI , Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Bochum, Germany 36th European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information	Jul – Aug 2025
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PAPERS	In Press. A Negative Alternation: Negation Head Movement Allomorphy in Igala. <i>Selected papers from the 54th Annual Conference on African Linguistics</i> . Contemporary African Linguistics: Language Science Press, 12. [pre-pub]	
	2023. Unravelling the ‘not’: left peripheral blocking of negation in Kirundi. <i>Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics</i> , 46(1). [paper]	

PRESENTATIONS	Conferences & Workshops 2024. Irrealis mood enclosed negation in Igala. <i>Sentential Negation Across the Globe Workshop (SNAG 2024)</i> . Laboratoire de Linguistique Formelle, Université Paris Cité, Paris, France. September 5-6. [handout] 2023. A negative alternation: Negation head movement allomorphy in Igala. <i>54th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL 54)</i> . University of Connecticut, Storrs, USA. June 12-14. [handout] 2022. Focusing on Negation in Kirundi. <i>1st Toronto-Montreal Bantu Colloquium (Ba-ToM 1)</i> . University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada. May 27-28. [handout]	
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	Other 2022. Igala Sentence-Final Particles at the edge of vP. <i>Arts Undergraduate Research Event</i> . McGill University, Montreal, Canada. October 18. [poster] 2022. Genealogic Approach to Low-Resource Language Modelling. <i>Natural Language Understanding with Deep Learning (COMP 599) Poster Presentation</i> . MILA (Quebec AI Institute), Montreal, Canada. April 26.	
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AWARDS & PRIZES	Best Submission - Challenge 1: Unified Data Model. <i>Designing a universal IGT (Interlinear Glossed Text) data model</i> at Software for Endangered Language Science Hackathon . October 25, 2025. Graduate Research Enhancement and Travel (GREAT) Award. <i>Travel funding for SNAG Workshop in Paris</i> . 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). <i>Left-peripheral properties of Negation in Niger-Congo</i> . Funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). 2024–2025 (12 months). \$27,000 (CAD).	
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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
Research Assistant , Martina Martinović, MULL Lab	2021 – 2023
Igala (Volta-Niger) and Wolof (Atlantic) elicitation and annotation	
Build and maintain Igala Wiki and MULL Lab Website	

FIELDWORK

Igala (Yoruboid; Volta-Niger) , remotely (Nigeria & UK)	May 2021 – Aug 2024
Supervision by Martina Martinović	
Wolof (Senegambian; Atlantic) , Saint-Louis & Dakar, Senegal	
Fieldwork for collaborative project	June 2025
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	
GitHub Website Workshop for Linguistics Graduate Students, McGill	Winter 2025
Co-organizer	
NACLO (NA Computational Linguistics Open Competition), Montreal	2024, 2025
Training session leader	
PURL (Program for Undergraduate Research in Linguistics), McGill	Winter 2024
Emma Custer (mentee): Syntax of Igala perfectives	

Reading Groups & Labs

Syn-Sem Reading Group , McGill	2023, 2024
Co-organizer	
MULL Lab (Montreal Underdocumented Languages Linguistics Lab)	2023, 2024
(Co-)organizer	

Conferences & Colloquia

McGill Linguistics Colloquium Series	2024, 2025
Co-organizer	
ACAL 55 (55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics), McGill	2023 – 2024
Organizing committee	

Reviewing

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

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Systems/Software: ELAN, Praat, Git, Docker, Linux
Languages: Python, R, L ^A T _E X, Java/TypeScript, SQL, Bash, Kotlin, Java, PHP

Native: Français (Québécois), English

Intermediate: 日本語

Elementary: Deutsch, Wolof, Русский, español

Passive: Kreyòl ayisyen

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