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EDUCATION **McGill University**, Montréal, Canada

M.A., Linguistics 2023 – 2025  
Thesis: *v-al-ency: Two sources of causation in the Wolof Causative-Benefactive syncretism*  
Committee: [Martina Martinović](#) and [Luis Alonso-Ovalle](#)

B.A., Computer Science & Linguistics 2019 – 2022  
Thesis: *A Negative Alternation: Negation Head Movement Allomorphy in Igala*  
Supervisor: Martina Martinović

**Vanier College**, Montréal, Canada 2016 – 2019  
D.C.S., Computer Science Technology

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NON DEGREE **ESSLLI**, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Bochum, Germany Jul – Aug 2025  
[36th European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information](#)

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PAPERS In Press. 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](#)]

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PRESENTATIONS **Conferences & Workshops**

2024. Irrealis mood enclosed negation in Igala. *Sentential Negation Across the Globe Workshop (SNAG 2024)*. Laboratoire de Linguistique Formelle, Université Paris Cité, Paris, France. 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, Storrs, USA. June 12-14. [[handout](#)]

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

## Other

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

2022. Genealogic Approach to Low-Resource Language Modelling. *Natural Language Understanding with Deep Learning (COMP 599) Poster Presentation*. [MILA \(Quebec AI Institute\)](#), Montreal, Canada. April 26.

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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	<b>Teaching Assistant</b> , McGill University	
	LING 371 - Syntax 1	Winter 2025
	LING 360 - Introduction to Semantics	Fall 2024
	<b>Research Assistant</b> , Martina Martinović, <a href="#">MULL Lab</a>	2021 – 2023
	Igala (Volta-Niger) and Wolof (Atlantic) elicitation and annotation	
	Build and maintain <a href="#">Igala Wiki</a> and <a href="#">MULL Lab Website</a>	
FIELDWORK	<b>Igala (Yoruboid; Volta-Niger)</b> , remotely (Nigeria & UK)	May 2021 – Aug 2024
	Supervision by Martina Martinović	
	<b>Wolof (Senegambian; Atlantic)</b> , 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
	<b>Kirundi (JD.62; Great Lakes Bantu)</b> , Montréal	Jan – Jun, 2022
	As part of <a href="#">Jessica Coon</a> 's Field Methods class ( <a href="#">LING 415</a> )	
SERVICES	<b>Mentorship &amp; Outreach</b>	
	GitHub Website Workshop for Linguistics Graduate Students, McGill	Winter 2025
	Co-organizer	
	<a href="#">NACLO</a> (NA Computational Linguistics Open Competition), Montreal	2024, 2025
	Training session leader	
	<a href="#">PURL</a> (Program for Undergraduate Research in Linguistics), McGill	Winter 2024
	<a href="#">Emma Custer</a> (mentee): Syntax of Igala perfectives	
	<b>Reading Groups &amp; Labs</b>	
	<a href="#">Syn-Sem Reading Group</a> , McGill	2023, 2024
	Co-organizer	
	<a href="#">MULL Lab</a> (Montreal Underdocumented Languages Linguistics Lab)	2023, 2024
	(Co-)organizer	
	<b>Conferences &amp; Colloquia</b>	
	<a href="#">McGill Linguistics Colloquium Series</a>	2024, 2025
	Co-organizer	
	<a href="#">ACAL 55</a> (55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics), McGill	2023 – 2024
	Organizing committee	
	<b>Workshops &amp; Hackathons</b>	
	<a href="#">Software for Endangered Language Science Hackathon</a> , Online	October 25, 2025
	Designing a universal IGT (Interlinear Glossed Text) data model	
	<b>Reviewing</b>	
	<a href="#">ACAL 55</a> (55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics), McGill	2023
	Abstract reviewer	

TECHNICAL  
SKILLS

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

**Languages:** Python, R, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Java/TypeScript, SQL, Bash, Kotlin, Java, PHP

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NATURAL  
LANGUAGES

**Native:** Français (Québec), 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)