

# Brandon Chaperon

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EDUCATION **McGill University**, Montréal, QC, Canada

M.A., Linguistics 2023 – 2025  
Thesis: *V-al-e-ncy: Benefactive/Causative 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

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EMPLOYMENT **Teaching Assistant**, McGill University Fall 2024  
[LING 360 - Introduction to Semantics](#)

**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](#)

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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](#))

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

**Arts Undergraduate Research Award (ARIA)**. *Igala Sentence-Final Particles at the edge of vP*. Funded by the Faculty of Arts at McGill University. Supervised by [Martina Martinović](#). Summer 2022. \$5,000 (CAD).

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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).

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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 \(ACAL\)](#). University of Connecticut. June 12-14.

2022. [Focusing on Negation in Kirundi](#). 1st Toronto-Montreal Bantu Colloquium (Ba-TOM). 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

**Operating Systems:** Linux (Arch, Debian, Ubuntu), Windows, Android

**Software/Services:** Git, SVN, MySQL, MongoDB, Docker, Redis, RabbitMQ, Celery, ELAN, Praat

**Languages:** Python (PyTorch, TensorFlow, NLTK), Java, Javascript, Kotlin, PHP, SQL, NodeJS, R, C# (.NET), Bash, C, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

NATURAL  
LANGUAGES

**Native:** Français (Québec), English

**Intermediate:**

**Elementary:** , español

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