

# 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

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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](#)

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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 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).

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PROCEEDINGS PAPERS	<p><b>Chaperon, B.</b> (to appear). 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, 10.</p> <p><b>Chaperon, B.</b> (2023). <a href="#">Unravelling the ‘not’: left peripheral blocking of negation in Kirundi</a>. <i>Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics</i>, 46(1).</p>
PRESENTATIONS	<p><b>Conferences &amp; Workshops</b></p> <p>2024. <a href="#">Irrealis mood enclosed negation in Igala</a>. Sentential Negation Across the Globe Workshop (<a href="#">SNAG 2024</a>). Université Paris Cité (Laboratoire de Linguistique Formelle). September 5-6.</p> <p>2023. A negative alternation: Negation head movement allomorphy in Igala. 54th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (<a href="#">ACAL 54</a>). University of Connecticut. June 12-14.</p> <p>2022. Focusing on Negation in Kirundi. 1st Toronto-Montreal Bantu Colloquium (<a href="#">Ba-ToM 1</a>). University of Toronto. May 27-28.</p> <p><b>Other</b></p> <p>2022. <a href="#">Igala Sentence-Final Particles at the edge of vP</a>. Arts Undergraduate Research Event. McGill University. October 18.</p> <p>2022. Genealogic Approach to Low-Resource Language Modelling. <a href="#">MILA (Quebec AI Institute)</a> Poster Presentation. April 26.</p>
SERVICES	<p><b>Mentorship &amp; Outreach</b></p> <p><a href="#">Program for Undergraduate Research in Linguistics (PURL) Pilot Project</a>  <a href="#">Emma Custer</a> (mentee): Syntax of Igala perfectives Winter 2024</p> <p><a href="#">North American Computational Linguistics Open Competition</a>  Training session leader Nov 2023 – Jan 2024</p> <p><b>Reading Groups &amp; Labs</b></p> <p><a href="#">Montreal Underdocumented Languages Linguistics Lab (MULL Lab)</a>  ( Co-)organizer 2023 – Winter 2024</p> <p><a href="#">McGill Syntax-Semantics Reading Group</a>  Co-organizer Fall 2023 – Winter 2024</p> <p><b>Conferences &amp; Colloquia</b></p> <p><a href="#">55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL)</a>, McGill University  Organizing committee 2023 – 2024</p> <p><a href="#">McGill Linguistics Colloquium Series</a>  Co-organizer 2024 – Winter 2025</p> <p><b>Reviewing</b></p> <p><a href="#">55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL)</a>, McGill University  Abstract reviewer 2023</p>
TECHNICAL SKILLS	<p><b>Systems/Software:</b> Linux, Git, Docker, ELAN, Praat</p> <p><b>Languages:</b> Python, Java, Javascript, Kotlin, PHP, SQL, NodeJS, R, C# (.NET), C, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X</p>

NATURAL  
LANGUAGES

**Native:** Français (Québec), 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)