

# 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 **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 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 \*v\*P](#). Arts Undergraduate Research Event. McGill University. October 18.

2022. Genealogic Approach to Low-Resource Language Modelling. [MILA \(Quebec AI Institute\)](#) Poster Presentation. April 26.

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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

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TECHNICAL  
SKILLS

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

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

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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)