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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

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. [[pre-pub draft](#)]

**Chaperon, B.** (2023). Unravelling the ‘not’: left peripheral blocking of negation in Kirundi. *Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics*, 46(1). [[link](#)]

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. [[handout](#)]

2023. A negative alternation: Negation head movement allomorphy in Igala. 54th Annual Conference on African Linguistics ([ACAL 54](#)). University of Connecticut. June 12-14. [[handout](#)]

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

## 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.

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).

EMPLOYMENT

**Teaching Assistant**, McGill University

LING 360 - Introduction to Semantics

Fall 2024

	<b>Research Assistant</b> , Martina Martinović, <a href="#">MULL Lab</a> Igala (Volta-Niger) and Wolof (Atlantic) elicitation and annotation Build and maintain <a href="#">Igala Wiki</a> and MULL Lab Website	2021 – 2023
FIELDWORK	<b>Igala (Yoruboid; Volta-Niger)</b> , remotely (Nigeria & UK) Supervision by Martina Martinović	since May 2021
	<b>Wolof (Senegambian; Atlantic)</b> , Saint-Louis & Dakar, Senegal M.A. thesis fieldwork Research assistant for Martina Martinović	Jun – Jul, 2024 Apr – May, 2023
	<b>Kirundi (JD.62; Great Lakes Bantu)</b> , Montréal As part of <a href="#">Jessica Coon</a> 's Field Methods class ( <a href="#">LING 415</a> )	Jan – Jun, 2022
SERVICES	<b>Mentorship &amp; Outreach</b> <a href="#">Program for Undergraduate Research in Linguistics (PURL) Pilot Project</a> Emma Custer (mentee): Syntax of Igala perfectives <a href="#">North American Computational Linguistics Open Competition</a> Training session leader	Winter 2024 2024, 2025
	<b>Reading Groups &amp; Labs</b> <a href="#">Montreal Underdocumented Languages Linguistics Lab (MULL) Lab</a> (Co-)organizer <a href="#">McGill Syntax-Semantics Reading Group</a> Co-organizer	2023, 2024 2023, 2024
	<b>Conferences &amp; Colloquia</b> <a href="#">55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL)</a> , McGill University Organizing committee <a href="#">McGill Linguistics Colloquium Series</a> Co-organizer	2023 – 2024 2024, 2025
	<b>Reviewing</b> 55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL), McGill University Abstract reviewer	2023
TECHNICAL SKILLS	<b>Systems/Software:</b> Linux, Git, Docker, ELAN, Praat <b>Languages:</b> Python, Java, Javascript, Kotlin, PHP, SQL, NodeJS, R, C# (.NET), C, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X	
NATURAL LANGUAGES	<b>Native:</b> Français (Québec), English <b>Intermediate:</b> 日本語 <b>Elementary:</b> Русский, español <b>Fieldwork/Structure:</b> Igala (Volta-Niger), Wolof (Atlantic-Congo), Kirundi (Bantu), Tseltal and Tsotsil (Mayan), Tlingit, Eyak, and Navajo (Na-Dene)	