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EDUCATION

2017–2022 Ph.D., Linguistics • **McGill University**
Dissertation title: *Strengthening Predicates*
Supervisory committee: Luis Alonso-Ovalle and Bernhard Schwarz
2012–2017 B.A. Honours, Interdisciplinary Linguistics • **University of Winnipeg**

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Oct. 2022– Postdoctoral scholar • **University of Calgary**

RESEARCH

Dissertation

2022 Mathieu Paillé. “Strengthening Predicates”. PhD thesis. Montréal: McGill University, 2022.

Proceedings papers

to appear Mathieu Paillé. “On additives’ interaction with exhaustivity: the view from negative continuations”. In: *Proceedings of NELS 52*. to appear.
to appear Mathieu Paillé. “Subatomic homogeneity without the excluded middle presupposition: an argument from conjunction”. In: *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 26*. to appear.

- to appear Mathieu Paillé. “Généraliser l’unicité thématique : une alternative à base d’exhaustivité [Generalizing thematic uniqueness: an alternative based in exhaustivity]”. In: *Proceedings of 50 ans de linguistique à l’UQAM*. to appear.
- 2021 Mathieu Paillé. “Exhaustivity and the meaning of colour terms”. In: *Proceedings of the 38th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*. Ed. by Rachel Soo, Una Y. Chow, and Sander Nederveen. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press, 2021, pp. 334–344.
- 2021 Mathieu Paillé. “Tucking-in and pivot-third word order”. In: *Proceedings of the Twenty-Seventh Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA)*. ed. by Henrison Hsieh and Keely New. London, ON: University of Western Ontario, 2021, pp. 83–97.
- 2020 Mathieu Paillé. “The distribution of controlled exhaustivity”. In: *Proceedings of SALT 30*. Ed. by Joseph Rhyne, Kaelyn Lamp, Nicole Dreier, and Chloe Kwon. 2020, pp. 843–860.
- 2020 Mathieu Paillé. “V=*nya* in colloquial Malay”. In: *Proceedings of the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA)*. ed. by Ileana Paul. London, ON: University of Western Ontario, 2020, pp. 209–226.
- 2018 Mathieu Paillé and Bernhard Schwarz. “Knowing *whether* and ignorance inferences”. In: *Proceedings of the 36th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*. Ed. by Richard Stockwell, Maura O’Leary, Zhongshi Xu, and Z.L. Zhou. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press, 2018, pp. 306–315

Manuscripts

- 2021 Mathieu Paillé. “The Low-Expl hypothesis: evidence from a split-*v*P language”. Manuscript, McGill University. 2021.
- 2020 Mathieu Paillé. “Controlled exhaustivity in colour predication”. Manuscript, McGill University. 2020.

Presentations

Invited talks

- 2022 Mathieu Paillé. “Inclusion of parts, or exclusion of predicates? Comparing two exhaustivity accounts of homogeneity”. Invited talk presented at the Workshop on Part–Whole Structures in Natural Language. Masaryk University in Brno, May 27, 2022.
- 2021 Mathieu Paillé. “On the strengthening of non-scalar predicates and the syntactic distribution of exhaustivity”. Invited talk presented at Oberseminar English Linguistics (Syntax–Semantics), University of Göttingen. December 21, 2021.
- 2021 Mathieu Paillé. “Derivational morphemes exhaustify roots: a hypothesis on the relationship between language and concepts”. Invited talk presented at Humboldt University of Berlin. November 9, 2021.
- 2021 Mathieu Paillé. “The Low-Expl hypothesis: evidence from a split-*v*P language”. Guest lecture presented at LING 675 (Seminar in Syntax), McGill. January 27, 2021.
- 2018 Mathieu Paillé. “Desire predicates and the hurdles of selection”. Guest lecture presented at LING 201 (Intro Linguistics), McGill. December 3, 2018.

Refereed presentations

- 2022 Mathieu Paillé. “Alternatives and jurisdiction in predication”. Talk presented at Sinn und Bedeutung 27. Charles University in Prague, **scheduled for** September 14–16, 2022.
- 2022 Nina Haslinger and Mathieu Paillé (authors listed alphabetically). “Comparing contextual shifts in total/partial predication and plural non-maximality”. Poster presented at Sinn und Bedeutung 27. Charles University in Prague, **scheduled for** September 14–16, 2022.
- 2021 Mathieu Paillé. “Revisiting additives’ interaction with exhaustivity: evidence from sentential negation”. Poster presented at NELS 52. Rutgers, New Brunswick, NJ, October 29, 2021.
- 2021 Mathieu Paillé. “Subatomic homogeneity without the excluded middle: an argument from conjunction”. Poster presented at Sinn und Bedeutung 26. University of Cologne, September 8, 2021.

- 2021 Mathieu Paillé. “*Généraliser l’unicité thématique : une alternative à base d’exhaustivité* [Generalizing thematic uniqueness: an alternative based in exhaustivity]”. Talk presented at 50 ans de linguistique à l’UQÀM. Université du Québec à Montréal, April 23, 2021.
- 2020 Mathieu Paillé. “Tucking-in and nominative-third word order”. Talk presented at the 27th Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA) conference. National University of Singapore, August 22, 2020.
- 2020 Mathieu Paillé. “The distribution of local-only exhaustivity”. Poster presented at the 30th Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) conference. Cornell, August 18, 2020.
- 2020 Mathieu Paillé. “Exhaustivity and the meaning of colour terms”. Talk presented at the 38th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL). UBC, March 8, 2020.
- 2019 Mathieu Paillé. “Colloquial Malay VSO”. Talk presented at the Canadian Linguistics Association (CLA). UBC, June 1, 2019.
- 2019 Mathieu Paillé. “Colloquial Malay VSO”. Talk presented at the 26th Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA) conference. University of Western Ontario, May 26, 2019.
- 2019 Mathieu Paillé. “VSO in Malay: head-movement with an expletive”. Talk presented at the 19th Montreal–Ottawa–Toronto–Hamilton (MOTH) Syntax Workshop. Carleton University, April 28, 2019.
- 2018 Mathieu Paillé and Bernhard Schwarz. “Knowing *whether* and ignorance inferences”. Talk presented at the 36th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL). UCLA, April 21, 2018.
- 2018 Mathieu Paillé. “Knowing *whether* and ignorance inferences”. Talk presented at the Toronto–Ottawa–Montreal (TOM) Semantics Workshop. University of Ottawa, March 17, 2018.
- 2016 Mathieu Paillé. “Discursive uses of main-clause conjunct verbs in Ojibwe”. Talk presented at the 48th Algonquian Conference. University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, 2016.

Other presentations

- 2022 Mathieu Paillé. “Which types of predicates act as alternatives to one another? The view from clause-internal additivity”. Talk presented at the McGill Syntax/Semantics reading group. Montréal, February 25, 2022.
- 2021 Mathieu Paillé. “*Généraliser l’unicité thématique : une alternative à base d’exhaustivité* [Generalizing thematic uniqueness: an alternative based in exhaustivity]”. Talk presented at the McGill Syntax/Semantics reading group. Montréal, April 16, 2021.
- 2021 Mathieu Paillé. “Subatomic homogeneity and the total–partial distinction in predication”. Talk presented at the McGill Syntax/Semantics reading group. Montréal, January 29, 2021.
- 2020 Mathieu Paillé. “Tucking-in in nominative-third languages”. Talk presented at the McGill Syntax/Semantics reading group. Montréal, February 19, 2020.
- 2020 Mathieu Paillé. “Exhaustivity and the meaning of colour terms”. Talk presented at the McGill Syntax/Semantics reading group. Montréal, February 26, 2020.
- 2019 Mathieu Paillé. “Contradiction in copular clauses”. Talk presented at the McGill Syntax/Semantics reading group. Montréal, November 18, 2019.
- 2019 Mathieu Paillé. “Revisiting VSO in Malay”. Talk presented at the McGill Syntax/Semantics reading group. Montréal, April 25, 2019.
- 2018 Mathieu Paillé. “Bahasa expletive =*nya*: consequences for the crosslinguistic distribution of expletive subjects”. Talk presented at the McGill Syntax/Semantics reading group. Montréal, November 7, 2018.
- 2017 Mathieu Paillé. “The Ojibwe Particle *mii* in the C and D systems”. Talk presented at the University of Winnipeg Linguistics Colloquium. Winnipeg, 2017.
- 2016 Mathieu Paillé. “Insubordination in Ojibwe”. Talk presented at the University of Winnipeg Linguistics Colloquium. Winnipeg, 2016.

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Post-doctoral

- 2022 **Eyes High Postdoctoral Match-Funding Fellowship (\$50,000), for Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024.**
A University of Calgary fellowship matching external funding for postdoctoral research.

Graduate

- 2022 Lara Riente Memorial Prize in Linguistics (\$800).
- 2020 Graduate Research Enhancement and Travel Award (\$387).
- 2019 **Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship (\$150,000), for Sept. 2019 – Aug. 2022.**
“Vanier Scholars demonstrate leadership skills and a high standard of scholarly achievement in graduate studies.”
- 2018 **Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master’s, McGill (\$17,500), for Sept. 2018 – Aug. 2019.**
“Supporting students who demonstrate a high standard of achievement in undergraduate and early graduate studies”; “provides financial support to high-calibre scholars who are engaged in eligible master’s or, in some cases, doctoral programs in Canada”
- 2018 Margaret Edna Anderson Fellowship (\$4,000).
“Support of one or more outstanding graduate students in the Faculty of Arts ... on the basis of academic merit.”
- 2017 **McGill’s Faculty of Arts Doctoral Fellowship in Indigenous Cultural Studies (\$60,000), for Sept. 2017 – Aug. 2020.**
- 2017 University of Manitoba Graduate Fellowship (\$28,000; declined).
“Offered to students who have demonstrated superior intellectual ability and academic accomplishment.”
- 2017 Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master’s, University of Manitoba (\$17,500; declined).

Undergraduate

2017	Governor General's Silver Medal "Recognize[s] the outstanding scholastic achievements of students in Canada" and is "awarded to the student graduating with the highest average." Silver is the highest distinction for undergraduates.
2017	Gold Medal for Achievement in a Major (Honours) – Interdisciplinary Linguistics
2017	Chancellor's Gold Medal for the Highest Standing in Arts (Honours)
2016–2017	Genevieve Doidge Scholarship in Arts (\$350).
2016–2017	Marsha P. Hanen Undergraduate Scholarship (\$2,000). "Awarded to a student who has an outstanding academic record."
2016–2017	Sarah and Isadore Gurevitch Memorial Scholarship in Anthropology (\$575).
2016–2017	Academic Proficiency Scholarship (Winnipeg Rh Institute) (\$400).
2015–2016	Dr. and Mrs. Roderick Hunter Scholarship (\$7,500). "Awarded to a continuing, undergraduate student [at U. of Winnipeg] with high academic standing, outstanding leadership qualities, and significant extracurricular involvements on campus."
2015–2016	Academic Proficiency Scholarship (Winnipeg Rh Institute) (\$400).
2015–2016	Principal J.W. Sparling Scholarship (\$100).
2015–2016	Friends of Graham Hall Scholarship (\$350).
2015–2016	Angela Mattiacci Memorial Scholarship in Linguistics (\$1,000).
2014–2015	Academic Proficiency Scholarship (Herbert L. Draper Fund) (\$450).
2014–2015	Kenneth M. Hamilton Scholarship in Religious Studies (\$200).
2014–2015	Isbister Undergraduate Scholarship (\$900).
2014–2015	Marsha P. Hanen Undergraduate Scholarship (\$2,000).
2013–2014	Academic Proficiency Scholarship (Winnipeg Rh Institute) (\$500).
2013–2014	Chancellor W. John A. Bulman Scholarship (\$3,250). "Awarded to an outstanding student or students in any undergraduate degree program" at U. of Winnipeg.
2012–2013	University of Winnipeg Special Entrance Scholarship (\$2,250).

2012–2013 President’s Award of Merit

Prior

2012 **Governor General’s Bronze Medal** and \$1,500 award
 “Recognize[s] the outstanding scholastic achievements of students in Canada” and is
 “awarded to the student graduating with the highest average.” Bronze is the highest
 distinction for high school students.

2006 **Grand Pythagoricien**
 National Pythagoras Contest (<https://mathematica.ca/>).

WORK EXPERIENCE

2021 **Grader** • McGill, for Bernhard Schwarz
 Structure of a Specific Language: German (LING 410)

2020 **Co-instructor** • McGill, with Francisco Torreira
 Intro Linguistics (LING 201)
Enrollment: 234 students.

2019 **TA** • McGill, for Junko Shimoyama
 Intro Syntax (LING 371)
Enrollment: 54 students. Tasks: teaching two conferences a week, grading assignments and exams, having office hours.

2019 **Head TA** • McGill, for Heather Goad and Jessica Coon
 Intro Linguistics (LING 201)
Enrollment in my conferences: 30 and 15 students. Tasks: teaching two conferences a week, grading assignments and exams, having office hours, consulting with professors on class material, attending lectures and reporting on them to other TAs.

2018 **TA** • McGill, for Francisco Torreira and Jessica Coon
 Intro Linguistics (LING 201)
Enrollment in my conferences: 23 and 25 students. Tasks: teaching two conferences a week, grading assignments and exams, hosting occasional office hours.

2018 **Grader** • McGill, for Bernhard Schwarz
 Meaning in Language (LING 260)

2017 **RA** • U. of Manitoba, for Will Oxford
 Research on Algonquian linguistics

- 2014–2016 **RA • U. of Manitoba, for Nicole Rosen**
Research on French dialects in the Prairies and French language acquisition
- 2014–2015 **Grader • U. of Winnipeg**
Grading for Persis Clarkson (anthropology) and Meera Sahawneh (linguistics)

EVENT ORGANISING

- 2020–2021 The 28th Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association conference (online at McGill and the National University of Singapore)
Role: head of programme committee.
- 2019 The 51st Algonquian Conference (at McGill)
Role: organizing programme, chairs, logistics (venue, book sales, etc.).
- 2018–2019 Parameters Workshop in Honour of Lisa Travis (at McGill)
Role: early planning, website.
- 2015 TEDx (at the U. of Winnipeg)
Role: general support/organizing.

SERVICE

- 2019–2020 Graduate Students Representative • McGill Linguistics
Role: representing graduate students at department meetings and communicating back to them.
- 2019 Reviewer • Parameters Workshop in Honour of Lisa Travis

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- 2019–2022 Co-founder and president • **Graduate Linguistics Association of McGill (GLAM)**
This is a department-level student association, federated into the Postgraduate Students' Society of McGill.
- 2019–2020 Organizer • **Climate Justice Action – McGill**
I organized graduate students on climate justice issues.
- 2019–2020 Co-founder and volunteer • **Earth-ling**
I co-founded an environmental committee within the linguistics department at McGill.

- 2012–2016 **Member and organizer • Fun Class**
 I was an organizer with a U. of Winnipeg–based community organizing group. Successful campaigns I helped organize include:
- fall 2014–winter 2015: campaign for more general mental health counsellors on campus;
 - winter 2014: campaign for a better meal plan for students living in residence;
 - fall 2013: student referendum for a university-wide ban on sweatshop-made goods.
- 2014–2015 **LGBT* Director • University of Winnipeg Students’ Association**
 I was on the UWSA’s board and executive committee; I attended LGBT* Centre meetings and organized LGBT* Students’ Councils.
- 2014–2015 **Co-founder and organizer • Divest UW**
 I helped organize a group working on having the U. of Winnipeg divest from fossil fuels.
- 2013 **Co-founder • Anishinaabemodaa!**
 I organized an Ojibwe study group at the U. of Winnipeg.

LANGUAGE ABILITIES

- French (native)
- English (fluent)
- Italian, Latin, Spanish, Welsh (intermediate)
- Ojibwe, Malay, Modern Standard Arabic (basic to intermediate)
- Malagasy, Cebuano (fieldwork)