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## EDUCATION

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

## RESEARCH

### Dissertation

- in prep.                      Mathieu Paillé. “Strengthening in Predication”. PhD thesis. Montréal: McGill University, in preparation.

### Proceedings papers

- 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-*vP* language”. Manuscript, McGill University. 2021.
- 2020 Mathieu Paillé. “Controlled exhaustivity in colour predication”. Manuscript, McGill University. 2020.

## Presentations

### *Invited talks*

- 2021 Mathieu Paillé. “(Title TBD)”. Invited talk presented at Oberseminar English Linguistics (Syntax–Semantics), University of Göttingen. **scheduled for** 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-*vP* 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*

- 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. 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. 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*

- 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

### Graduate

- 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 Scholarships – 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 Scholarships – 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).

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| 2016–2017 | Marsha P. Hanen Undergraduate Scholarship (\$2,000).<br>“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 | <b>Dr. and Mrs. Roderick Hunter Scholarship (\$7,500).</b><br>“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).<br>“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

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| 2012 | <b>Governor General’s Bronze Medal</b> and \$1,500 award<br>“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 | <b>Grand Pythagoricien</b><br>National Pythagoras Contest ( <a href="https://mathematica.ca/">https://mathematica.ca/</a> ).  |

## 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.*
- 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, 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.*
- 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 (on-line 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– Co-founder and president • **Graduate Linguistics Association of McGill**  
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)