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EDUCATION

McGill Masters, Linguistics	Montreal, QC, Canada 09/2024-Present
University of Ottawa B.A Honours, Linguistics ◦ Summa Cum Laude	Ottawa, ON, Canada 09/2020 - 04/2024

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- English- Native Speaker
- Egyptian Arabic- Native Speaker
- Modern Standard Arabic- Academic Fluency
- French- Intermediate Fluency
- Spanish-Beginner
- Imbabura Kichwa-Fieldwork
- Sereer-Fieldwork

WORK EXPERIENCE

McGill University ACAL55 Proceedings editing team ◦ Editorial work for the proceedings of the 55th Annual Conference for African Linguistics	Montreal, QC, Canada Present
University of Ottawa Research Assistant ◦ Fieldwork on Imbabura Kichwa supervised by Dr. Andrés Pablo Salanova	Ottawa, ON, Canada 06/2024-08/2024
uOttawa Centre for Child Language Research Research Assistant ◦ Psycholinguistic research under the supervision of Dr. Tania Zamuner. ◦ Work on child language and development.	Ottawa, ON, Canada 2021-2024

FIELDWORK

Sereer (Niger-Congo) ◦ Fieldwork with speakers in Dakar. June 2025 ◦ Fieldwork with three speakers in Montréal September 2024-April 2026	Montréal, Canada/Dakar, Senegal
Imbabura Kichwa (Quechua II) ◦ Fieldwork with speakers in Chirihuasi. May-June 2023 ◦ Fieldwork with speakers in Chirihuasi. June 2024 ◦ Total of 12 speakers	Chirihuasi, Ecuador
Enlhet (Enlhet-Enenlhet) ◦ Fieldwork with one speaker in Ottawa. September 2022-December 2022	Ottawa, Canada

EXTERNAL FUNDING

FRQSC-Masters	2025-2027
PI; <i>Epistemic Authority in Imbabura Kichwa</i>	\$40,000
SCHRC-Masters	2025-2026
PI; <i>Epistemic Authority in Imbabura Kichwa</i>	\$ 20,000
NSERC-USRA	2023
<i>The effects of neighborhood density on semantic activation in children</i>	\$ 7,000

INTERNAL FUNDING

PGSS-Travel Award	2024
Travel grant to present at <i>Semantics of Under-represented Languages 13</i>	\$500
MCGill GREAT Travel Award	2024
Travel grant to present at <i>Semantics of Under-represented Languages 13</i>	\$500
McGill Linguistics Graduate Student Package	2024-2026
Stipend, tuition and TA-ships over two years	\$ 52,607
uOttawa Edward Sapir Scholarship	2023
Awarded to the student with the highest grade point average entering their fourth year in linguistics.	\$ 900
uOttawa Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program	2022-2023
<i>The effects of neighborhood density on semantic activation in children</i>	\$ 1,000
uOttawa Dean's List- Faculty of Arts Merit Scholarship	2021-2024
A scholarship given to students maintaining a CGPA above 9.0 (90%)	\$6,000
uOttawa entrance scholarship	2020
A scholarship for incoming students with a high school average exceeding 95%.	\$ 4,000

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

uOttawa Faculty of Arts Plaque in Linguistics	University of Ottawa 2024
uOttawa Summa Cum Laude Honorus	University of Ottawa 2024
uOttawa Faculty of Arts Student Awards of Excellence in Studies	University of Ottawa 2024

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- **(2025).** Decomposing the Definite Article: Evidence from Higher-Order Plurals. TOM17 (Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal Semantics Workshop), Ottawa, Canada [talk]
- **(2024).** Epistemic Authority in Imbabura Kichwa: Direct Evidence isn't Always it!. SULA (Semantics of Underrepresented Languages of The Americas), Florianopolis, Brazil [talk]
- **(2024).** (with Margarethe McDonald, Bob McMurray & Tania Zamuner) Developmental changes in phonological and semantic competition during spoken word recognition. International Congress for the Study of Child Language , Prague, Czechia [poster]
- **(2024).** Epistemic Authority in Imbabura Kichwa. TOM16 (Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal Semantics Workshop), Toronto, Canada [talk]

- **(2024).** (with Margarethe McDonald & Tania Zamuner) Developmental changes in phonological and semantic competition during spoken word recognition. ASA (Acoustic Society of America), Ottawa, Canada [poster]
- **(2024).** Focus in Imbabura Kichwa. MOTH 2024 (Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto-Hamilton Syntax Workshop), Ottawa, Canada [poster]
- **(2023).** Verb-stem variation in fronted constructions in Enlhet. TULCON 16, Toronto, Canada [talk]
- **(2022).** Fronted Constructions in Enlhet. TOMILLA 4 (Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal Indigenous Languages of Latin America), Toronto, Canada [talk]

PUBLICATIONS
