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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA
Ph.D. in Linguistics
Advisor: Amy Rose Deal

August 2025–present

McGill University, Montréal, QC
B.A., Honours Linguistics, Concentration in Mathematics
Thesis, *Sneaking in themes: Incorporation, possession, and nPs in Kanien'kéha*
Advisor: Jessica Coon

September 2020–May 2024

Other academic experience
LSA Institute

Amherst, MA, Summer 2023

PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles

1. Boles, Chase. To appear. Stowaway nominals: Rethinking incorporation and “excorporation”. *Linguistic Variation*.

Conference proceedings

1. Boles, Chase. To appear. Unattested possessum case and its consequences for Late Merge. In *Proceedings of WCCFL 44*.
2. Boles, Chase. To appear. “Bleeding” Condition C in Kanien'kéha. In *Proceedings of WCCFL 43*.
3. Boles, Chase. 2025. Stowaway nominals: Incorporation and nPs in Kanien'kéha. In *Proceedings of WSCLA 27*, eds. Ella Hannon and Bruce Oliver, 17–31. Vancouver: UBCWPL.
4. Boles, Chase. 2023. Getting the -ik: An anticausative structure in Kirundi. *Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics* 46(1). DOI: 10.33137/twpl.v46i1.39250.

PRESENTATIONS

Refereed conference presentations

1. Boles, Chase. 2026. Unattested “possessum” case and constraints on Late Merge. Presented at the 44th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL44), Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico City, MX.
2. Boles, Chase. 2025. “Bleeding” Condition C in Kanien'kéha. Poster presented at the 43rd West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 43), University of Washington, Seattle, WA.
3. **Boles, Chase** and Michaela Socolof. 2024. Igala conditionals. Presented at the 55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL 55), McGill University, Montréal, QC.
4. Boles, Chase. 2024. Stowaway nominals: Incorporation and nPs in Kanien'kéha. Presented at the 27th Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas (WSCLA 27), University of Toronto, Toronto, ON.
5. Boles, Chase. 2022. Getting the -ik: An anticausative structure in Kirundi. Presented at the First Toronto-Montreal Bantu Colloquium (BA-TOM), University of Toronto, Toronto, ON.

AWARDS

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship

September 2026–present

Cremona Memorial Prize in Linguistics

Department of Linguistics, McGill University, Montréal, QC, May 2024

Awarded by the Faculty of Arts Scholarships Committee based on the recommendation of the Department of Linguistics to a student with high academic standing pursuing an Honours, Joint Honours, or Major Concentration program in the Department of Linguistics.

Award for Excellence in Research

Department of Linguistics, McGill University, Montréal, QC, June 2023

Awarded by the Department of Linguistics to a student with an outstanding research project and demonstrated proficiency in research skills.

Friends of McGill Scholarship

McGill University, Montréal, QC, July 2020, June 2021, June 2022, June 2023

Faculty of Science Scholarship

McGill University, Montréal, QC, July 2021

One-Year Undergraduate Entrance Scholarship

McGill University, Montréal, QC, September 2020

Rescinded for Friends of McGill Scholarship.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Conference and workshop organization

- Understanding Obviation workshop organization committee, 2024.
- 26th Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas (WSCLA 26) organization committee, 2023.

EMPLOYMENT

Research Assistant for Jessica Coon

Montréal, QC, August 2022–May 2025

- Technical help (formatting, spell-checking, prosification), creation of practice exercises, and targeted elicitation with elder in preparation for a textbook of Kanien'kéha.
- Creation and supervision of consent forms and contracts for a Kanien'kéha community-driven transcription project.
- Note-taking on literature involving fieldwork methodology, ethics, and best practices, as well as literature on community-focused language work and Indigenous involvement in linguistics.
- Organization of meetings and elicitation schedules.
- Creation and management of data archives.

FIELDWORK

Kanien'kéha (Mohawk; Iroquoian)

Montréal, QC and Ahkwesáhsne, ON | September 2023–present

Amharic (Semitic)

Berkeley, CA | August 2025–present

Conducted as part of a Field Methods Class taught by Amy Rose Deal.

Igala (Volta-Niger)

Remote, Montréal, QC to London, UK and Port Harcourt, Nigeria | June 2021–April 2024

Kirundi (Bantu)

Montréal, QC, January 2022–May 2022

Conducted as part of a Field Methods Class taught by Jessica Coon.

LANGUAGES

Native: English**Intermediate:** Spanish, French**Research:** Kanien'kéha (Iroquoian); Amharic (Semitic); Igala (Volta-Niger); Kirundi (Bantu); Mam (Mayan)