

Sigwan Thivierge

Employment

2021– **Assistant Professor**, Concordia University
First Peoples Studies (School of Community and Public Affairs) and
Linguistics (Department of Classics, Modern Languages, and Linguistics)

Education

2021 **University of Maryland, College Park**, PhD Linguistics
DISSERTATION: *Phasehood and Phi-intervention*
ADVISORS: Maria Polinsky & Omer Preminger

2016 **Concordia University**, MA Linguistics
THESIS: *Failure to Agree in Nishnaabemwin Inverse-marking*
ADVISOR: Alan Bale

2015 **Concordia University**, BA Honours Linguistics

Languages Spoken & Studied

Native: English

Intermediate: French

Research: Anishinaabemowin (Algonquian), Georgian (Kartvelian)

Publications

To appear **Thivierge, Sigwan**. Roots Are Syntactic: Evidence from Nishnaabemwin. In *Proceedings of the 39th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.

Submitted **Thivierge, Sigwan**. Cyclic Agree in Paraguayan Guaraní. *Syntax*. Under evaluation.

In prep **Thivierge, Sigwan**. Reflecting on Anishinaabemowin Reflexives. Manuscript.

In prep **Thivierge, Sigwan**. Two-Eyed Seeing in Language Reclamation and Linguistics. Manuscript.

In prep **Thivierge, Sigwan**. Algonquian Peoples. Manuscript.

In prep **Thivierge, Sigwan**. Expanding Agreement Domains in Georgian. Manuscript.

2022 **Thivierge, Sigwan**. Matrix Operators in Georgian Indexical Shift. In *Proceedings of the 43rd Penn Linguistics Colloquium*, ed. Johanna Benz and Yiran Chen. Philadelphia, PA:

PWPL.

- 2018 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** Nishnaabemwin Inverse-marking: A Morphosyntactic Approach. In *Proceedings of the 21st Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas*, ed. Emily Sadlier-Brown, Erin Guntly, and Natalie Weber. Vancouver, BC: UBCWPL.
- 2017 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** Deriving Inverse-marking Patterns in Nishnaabemwin. In *Proceedings of the 34th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, ed. Aaron Kaplan, Abby Kaplan, Miranda K. McCarvel, and Edward J. Rubin. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.

Talks & Presentations

INVITED

- Upcoming *Walking in a good way: Learning from Anishinaabe stories.* Invited talk, Mythology of the Oppressed. School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures, University of Maryland, College Park.
- 2024 *Decolonizing Linguistics.* Panelist, Canadian Linguistics Association Annual Conference.
- 2024 *Indigenous Linguistics: Revitalization, Theory and Visibility.* Panelist, Indigenous Futures Research Centre (IFRC) Annual Research Symposium.
- 2023 *Walking in a good way: Learning from Anishinaabe stories.* Invited talk, Mythology of the Oppressed. School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures, University of Maryland, College Park.
- 2023 *Are 'phases' interveners?* Invited talk, Syntax Reading Group, Yale University.
- 2022 *Phasehood as Intervention: A view from phi-agreement.* Plenary talk, MOTH 2022, Université du Québec à Montréal.
- 2022 *Phasehood and Phi-intervention.* Colloquium talk, Concordia Linguistics Colloquium, Concordia University
- 2022 *Phases as phi-intervention.* Invited talk, Ling Lunch, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- 2020 *Agreement Systems and Universal Grammar.* Invited talk, Concordia Centre for Cognitive Science, Concordia University.
- 2016 *Person Hierarchy Effects in Nishnaabemwin: Deriving Agreement.* Invited talk, Concordia Linguistics Colloquium, Concordia University.

REFEREED

- 2021 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *Roots are syntactic: Evidence from Nishnaabemwin.* 39th Meeting of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL). Talk.
- 2021 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *Matrix operators in Georgian indexical shift.* 45th Annual Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC), University of Pennsylvania. Talk.
- 2021 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *Person and number asymmetries in Georgian agreement.* Linguistic

Society of America (LSA) Annual Meeting 2021. Talk.

- 2019 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *Phase unlocking in Georgian.* Canadian Linguistic Association (CLA) Annual Meeting 2019, University of British Columbia. Talk.
- 2019 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *Expanding the agreement domain in Georgian.* 43rd Annual Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC), University of Pennsylvania. Talk.
- 2018 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *When is agreement agreement? The view from Georgian.* Multiple Agreement across Domains 2018 Workshop, Leibniz-Zentrum Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft in Berlin. Talk.
- 2018 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *On the syntactic nature of Nishnaabemwin roots.* 23rd Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas (WSCLA), University of Ottawa. Poster.
- 2016 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *Deriving Inverse-marking Patterns in Nishnaabemwin.* The 34th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL), University of Utah. Talk.
- 2016 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *A Morphosyntactic Analysis of Nishnaabemwin Person Hierarchy Effects.* 4th Montréal-Ottawa-Toronto-Hamilton Syntax Workshop (MOTH), University of Toronto Mississauga. Talk.
- 2016 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *Nishnaabemwin Inverse-Marking: A Morphosyntactic Approach.* 21st Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas (WSCLA), Université du Québec à Montréal. Talk.

NON-REFEREED

- 2019 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *High shifty operators in Georgian indexical shift.* Mid-Atlantic Colloquium of Studies in Meaning (MACSIM) 8, New York University. Poster.
- 2018 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *Syntactic roots: Evidence from Algonquian.* 23rd East Coast 5 (ECO-5), University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Talk.
- 2015 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *Phi-Feature Overlap in Nishnaabemwin.* Ottawa Conference for Linguistics Undergraduates and Masters students (OCLU+M), University of Ottawa. Talk.
- 2015 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *Feature Overlap in Algonquian Languages.* Concordia Linguistics Student Colloquium, Concordia University. Talk.
- 2014 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *Inverse-marking in Algonquian Languages.* Concordia Undergraduate Student Research Award (CUSRA) Showcase, Concordia University. Poster.

LOCAL PRESENTATIONS & COLLOQUIA

- 2021 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *Matrix monsters in Georgian indexical shift.* Montreal Underdocumented Languages Linguistics Lab (MULLL), McGill University.
- 2020 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *Investigating indexical shift in Georgian: Evidence for matrix monsters.* S-Lab, University of Maryland, College Park.
- 2019 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *Expanding the agreement domain in Georgian.* Syntax seminar on hierarchy effects, McGill University.

- 2019 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *Paraguayan Guaraní Agreement: Constraining Person, or Cyclic Agree?* S-Lab, University of Maryland, College Park.
- 2018 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *Diagnosing inverse agreement in Georgian.* S-Lab, University of Maryland, College Park.
- 2018 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *On the syntactic nature of roots: The view from Algonquian.* S-Lab, University of Maryland, College Park.
- 2018 Participant of *Expanding Linguistic Science By Broadening Native American Participation.* LSA workshop, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 2017 Gajić, Jovana, Marten Stelling, and **Sigwan Thivierge.** *Negation & Co.* Göttingen Lunch Talk Series, University of Göttingen.

PUBLIC TALKS & INTERVIEWS

- 2024 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** Interview (in English), *Comment assurer la survie des langues autochtones au Canada? Le Devoir.*
- 2023 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** Interview, *Keeping languages and histories alive*, The Link.
- 2023 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** Guest speaker, Long Point First Nation Graduation Ceremony.
- 2022 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** Guest speaker, Long Point First Nation Graduation Ceremony.
- 2018 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *Indigenous American Languages: Their Structure, Loss, and Reclamation.* UMD Linguistics Club, University of Maryland, College Park.
- 2018 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** Guest speaker, Long Point First Nation Graduation Ceremony.

Grants & Fellowships

- 2024–2030 Co-applicant, Insight Grant (Primary Applicant: Charles Reiss)
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
Substance free logical phonology, \$97,500 CAD
- 2023–2028 Co-applicant, Insight Grant (Primary Applicant: Jessica Coon)
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
The grammar of hierarchy effects, \$300,970 CAD
- 2021–2022 Co-applicant, FAS SSHRC Explorations (Primary Applicant: Charles Reiss)
Concordia University
Anishinaabemowin Language Project, \$4430 CAD
- 2016–2020 Canada Graduate Scholarship – Doctoral
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
Inverse-marking in Anishinâbemowin: A cross-linguistic approach, \$80,000 CAD
- 2016–2019 Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral Scholarships (declined)
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
- 2016 Graduate Fellowship in Ethnic Studies and Social Diversity
Faculty of Arts & Science, Concordia University

	\$7,500 CAD
2015–2016	Concordia Student Support Graduate Scholarship Concordia University \$3,000 CAD
2015–2016	Master’s Scholarship Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et culture (FRQSC) \$15,000 CAD
2015	Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master’s Program Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) <i>Inverse-marking in Algonquian Languages</i> , \$17,500 CAD
2015	INDI Entrance Fellowship Concordia University \$5,000 CAD
2015	Campaign for the New Millennium Student Contribution Scholarship Concordia University \$2,000 CAD
2014	EACOM First Nations Scholarship Program EACOM Timber Corporation
2014	Concordia Undergraduate Student Research Award Concordia University
2014	Campaign for the New Millennium Student Contribution Bursary Concordia University

Teaching

COURSES (CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY)

Winter 2024 Winter 2023 Winter 2022	FPST 310: Linguistic Introduction to Algonquian Languages
Fall 2024 Fall 2023 Fall 2022	FPST 211: Algonquian Peoples
Winter 2022	LING 421: Non-Indo-European Structures
Fall 2024 Fall 2023	LING 371: Semantics
Winter 2024 Fall 2022	LING 315: Syntax

INDEPENDENT STUDY (CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY)

Fall 2023	INDI 620, Vanessa Racine, <i>Algonquian Linguistics</i>
Winter 2023	LING 495, Patrick Larivière, <i>Phases in Georgian and the Phonology-Syntax Interface</i>

INVITED LECTURES

- 2024 *Mino-Bimaadiziwin*
SCPA 500 Intersectionality, Anti-Racism and Indigenous Perspectives, Dialogue
Rushdia Mehreen, Concordia University
- 2018 *Introduction to Agreement*
The South Caucasian Chalk Circle Summer School, Tbilisi, Georgia
Professors Léa Nash & Maria Polinsky
- 2018 *Language Loss & Revitalization: Reclamation in Native American Communities*
LING 262: Heritage Languages and Their Speakers
Professor Maria Polinsky, University of Maryland, College Park
- 2017 *First Nations Language Loss & Revitalization*
LING 262: Heritage Languages and Their Speakers
Professor Maria Polinsky, University of Maryland, College Park
- 2016 *Animacy and Inverse-marking in Nishnaabemwin*
LING 222: Language & Mind: The Chomskyan Program
Professor Dana Isac, Concordia University
- 2015 *Animacy and Inverse-marking in Nishnaabemwin*
LING 222: Language & Mind: The Chomskyan Program
Professor Charles Reiss, Concordia University
- 2013 *Introduction to Algonquian Languages*
LING 380: Morphology
Professor Charles Reiss, Concordia University

Advising & Supervision

PHD

- 2023–2024 Sayantan Mandal, PhD Linguistics, Committee member (with Charles Reiss and Tobias Scheer)

MA

- 2023– Sandrine Guilbert, MA Individualized Program, Committee member (with Daniela Isac)
- 2022– Vanessa Racine, MA Individualized Program, Committee member (with Jason Lewis and Rilla Khaled)

BA

- 2023 Estefania Alvarez, BA Honours Linguistics thesis co-supervisor (with Alan Bale)
- 2023 Isabella Cesta, BA Honours Linguistics thesis co-supervisor (with Alan Bale)
- 2023 Julia Fiorino, BA Honours Linguistics thesis co-supervisor (with Alan Bale)
- 2023 Sandrine Guilbert, BA Honours Linguistics thesis supervisor

2022 Emma Sharpe, BA Honours Linguistics thesis co-supervisor (with Alan Bale)

RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

Winter 2024–
Winter 2024–
Adriana Ajoy Rendón (BA Psychology and Linguistics), Language reclamation research
David Danos (BA Judaic Studies), Language reclamation project development and research

Service

SERVICE TO DEPARTMENT

2024 Chair, Departmental Hiring Committee - Limited Term Appointment in Theoretical Linguistics, Classics, Modern Languages, and Linguistics
2024 Departmental Hiring Committee - Limited Term Appointment in First Peoples Studies, School of Community & Public Affairs
2024 Departmental Hiring Committee - Tenure-Track Position in Indigenous Literature and Haudenosaunee Lifeways. Department of English, and School of Community & Public Affairs
2024 Departmental Hiring Committee - Principal. School of Community & Public Affairs
2023– Departmental Ethics Committee. School of Community & Public Affairs

SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY

2024 Judge, *First Peoples Studies Student Award*
2024 Judge, *Miywâcimo*
2023– Member, Indigenous Directions Leadership Council

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY (LONG POINT FIRST NATION)

2024– Linguist consultant, *Anicinabemowin Minikanan Kitige* language project (five years)
2023 Contributor, *Maadaadizi* bursary in support of graduate-level studies and education
2021– Community collaborator in language reclamation (Anishinaabemowin)
2021– Reconnecting community member

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

The Journal of Comparative German Linguistics: 2023 (1)
Syntax: 2022 (1)
Glossa: 2022 (1)

REVIEWING FOR CONFERENCES

Canadian Linguistics Association (CLA): 2023, 2024

Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas (WSCLA): 2022, 2024

OTHER SERVICE

- 2018–2020 Committee member, *UMD Department of Linguistics Colloquium*
University of Maryland, College Park
- 2018–2020 Committee member, *Language Science Outreach*
University of Maryland, College Park
- 2018–2019 Graduate student representative, *Arts and Humanities Collegiate Council*
University of Maryland, College Park
- 2017–2018 Committee member, *Language Science Professional Development and Communications*
University of Maryland, College Park
- 2017–2018 Student representative, *Linguistics Graduate Students Association*
University of Maryland, College Park
- 2017 Organizing committee, *Open House for Prospective Students*
University of Maryland, College Park
- 2016–2017 Organizing committee, *Language Science Winter Storm*
University of Maryland, College Park

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

- 2020 Co-organizer of *Mayfest: 2020 Hindsight*
University of Maryland, College Park
- 2019 Organizer of *24th Workshop on the Structure and Constituency of the Languages of the Americas (WSCLA)*
University of Maryland, College Park
- 2018 Co-organizer of *Mayfest: Negation*
University of Maryland, College Park
- 2017 Co-organizer of *27th Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT)*
University of Maryland, College Park
- 2016 Volunteer for *9th North American Phonology Conference (NAPhC)*
Concordia University
- 2015 Co-organizer of *46th Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society (NELS)*
Concordia University
- 2014 Volunteer for *8th North American Phonology Conference (NAPhC)*
Concordia University