

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

Verberations founder **Doug Honorof** has been training professional users of voice for over twenty-five years.

Among Doug's clients:	Attorneys	Celebrities	Diplomats
	Executives	Fortune 500s	Journalists
	Law Enforcement	Major Studios	Performers
	Physicians	Engineers	Scientists

. . . as well as fellow language teachers and voice coaches

Doug earned the joint BA/MA in Linguistics at the **University of Chicago**, and then a PhD in Linguistics at **Yale** with a specialization in Phonetics. While there he also completed an educational mentorship in the Acting Department of the **Yale School of Drama**.

Doug's native language is American English but he speaks Mandarin **Chinese** and **French**, as well as **Spanish** and **Japanese**. Apart from his competence in specific languages, he has pioneered a technique for teaching unaccented pronunciation of fixed texts in **unfamiliar tongues**.

In the entertainment industry, Doug has worked as an actor, improv comedian, director, screenwriter and producer, and has been a guest on NPR. He is also one of the highest regarded **dialogue coaches** in the business, and is known for his ability to coach very credible dialect, accent and foreign language performances.

When time permits, Doug teaches short courses or delivers **lectures** in his various areas of speech-related expertise. He has lectured widely in the US (CUNY, NYU, UC Berkeley, University of Connecticut, Yale, etc.), and abroad in China, France, India, Spain and Sweden.

In 1991, Doug published his own audio-visually enhanced English pronunciation course for **non-native speakers** (*Pan-regional US English Pronunciation*), now in its 11th edition. A copy of that text is included in many of Doug's coaching packages. In conjunction with private pronunciation training, Doug also offers **speechwriting** services for prominent international clients.

For many years, Doug has been a Senior Research Scientist at **Haskins Laboratories** which enjoys international renown for its leadership in the "Science of the Spoken and Written Word." In conjunction with his scientific work in phonetics, Doug serves as an editor, peer reviewer, **forensic linguist** and popular conference speaker and has **published** refereed journal articles and book chapters on speech training and phonetics.

Doug has been active in such leading **professional societies** as:

- Acoustical Society of America
- American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages
- American Dialect Society
- Chinese Language Teachers Association
- International Phonetic Association
- Modern Language Association
- TESOL
- Voice and Speech Trainers Association

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