

Biographical Statement

Verberations founder **Doug Honorof** (Ph.D., Yale) has been coaching professional users of voice for over twenty years.

Among Doug's clients:

Attorneys	Celebrities	Diplomats
Executives	Fortune 500s	Journalists
Law Enforcement	Major Studios	Performers
Physicians	Speech Tech	Scientists

...and fellow voice coaches

Doug majored in Linguistics at the University of Chicago where he earned a joint B.A./M.A. degree.

Later, he earned a Yale Ph.D. in Linguistics (specializing in Phonetics). While in graduate school, he completed an educational mentorship in the Acting Department of the Yale School of Drama.

Doug's native language is American English but he also speaks Mandarin Chinese, French, Spanish, Japanese and, to varying degrees of fluency, a number of other languages. Beyond his competence with specific languages, he has pioneered a technique for teaching unaccented pronunciation of fixed texts in unfamiliar tongues.

For many years, Doug has been a Senior Scientist at Haskins Laboratories, internationally renowned for its work on "The Science of the Spoken and Written Word." Doug retains a part-time appointment with the Labs and serves as an editor or peer reviewer for leading scientific speech journals.

Doug has also served on visiting faculty in various language, linguistics and acting departments (Yale, NYU, UC Berkeley, University of Connecticut, etc.)

In 1991, Doug published his own English pronunciation course for foreign-born professionals (Pan-regional US English Pronunciation), which is now in its 8th printing. A copy of this text is included in many of his coaching packages.

Doug has been active in such leading professional societies as:

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

Doug has also appeared as an actor and international public speaker and been a guest on NPR.

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