

# TIMOTHY HABICK

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## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ♦ Provided forensic linguistic analysis of news reports and other communications and in assessment of violations of legal, ethical, and professional standards. Provided forensic linguistic services for case evaluations, analyses and reports, discovery assistance, and testimony.
  
- ♦ Defamation work for Pisanelli-Bice, Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, Raines-Feldman, Dorta Law, Nationwide Insurance Co.; Analysis of the phrase *the great white hope* for a case involving a claim that the term constitutes a racist slur. Testified for the defense in *United States of America v. Tyshon Bey*, U.S. District Court, Trenton, New Jersey. 2012. Feasibility report and phone recordings analysis for the defense in *State of Delaware v. Reuel Ray*. Psychometric Analysis of Assessment Practices at the Fuld School of Nursing, in *Michael Shemonsky v. Fuld School of Nursing, NJ*, 2015. Trademark analyses and reports for Seed Intellectual Property Law Group, Perman and Green, Honigman LLP, and Perkins Coie. Document analysis for Schellman & Company. Provided psychometric and linguistic argumentation for the defendant in *Vantage Learning v. Edgenuity, Inc. for Verrill-Dana*, 2018. Forensic linguistic research for DLA Piper, U.K. and Roschier Law firm, Sweden, for author attribution analyses and deceptive argumentation in a major international trade dispute, 2018, 2019. Document interpretation rebuttal report for *Randall Keener et al. v. Second Round Sub, LLC*, 2020. Authorship attribution using corpus linguistic research for the McCormick Group, 2021. Rebuttal of two authorship reports for their untenable use of corpus linguistic evidence for *Joel & Mei, Advocates and Solicitors, Kuala Lumpur*, 2022. Contract analysis for *Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck*, 2022. Linguistic analysis for *Morgan & Morgan in Lites v. Amazon.com*, 2022
  
- ♦ Extensive survey and test development experience in a wide variety of programs, including the GRE, GMAT, TOEFL, PAEG (in Spanish), LSAT, K-12, GED, Praxis, the Building Performance Institute, Global Competence Assessment, the Uniform CPA Examination.
  
- ♦ Wrote a manual for the development of analytical reasoning test questions that helped standardize item development practice for the GRE and the LSAT. Also developed a special LSAT Study Guide, for LSAC's Skills Readiness Inventory. Led World Bank projects to improve standardized testing in Moldova, 2007, and Djibouti, 2015, 2016. The two Djibouti projects were conducted entirely in the French language. Produced content for official test preparation study guides and software programs for the Praxis Speech-Language Pathology Test, the Audiology Test, and the GRE General Test.
  
- ♦ Monitored and analyzed Internet communications, especially those originating in Asian countries, for test-security purposes. Worked with ETS lawyers to develop an ultimately successful copyright infringement case against a major test coaching school. Provided deposition testimony related to the development of the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) General Test. Lectured on the principles of standardized test development for international audiences for the ETS Global Institute and others.

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## EXPERIENCE

2000 – present	President, Reasoning, Inc. (Test Development, Forensic Linguistics)
1987 – 2000	Assessment Specialist III (Senior Examiner, Reasoning Group Leader), Reasoning Group, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ
1984 – 1986	Foreign Expert - Tianjin Normal University, China Linguistics, English; M.A. Thesis Direction
1981– 1984	Assistant Professor - Temple University

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## EDUCATION

### Degree Programs

University of Illinois Urbana	1971-75 1976-80	Ph.D.	Linguistics
La Salle College Philadelphia	1967-71	B.A. (maxima cum laude)	French Spanish, German (minors)

### Non-Degree Programs

Nankai University Tianjin, China	1984-86		Chinese Language
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge	1982		Summer Program in Speech Spectrogram Reading
The Barnes Foundation Merion, PA	1981-82		First-year course in Art
Temple University Philadelphia	1968, 1971		Courses in Spanish, Romance Linguistics
The Experiment in International Living	1970		Carnac, France Residency

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### LINGUISTICS COURSES TAUGHT (g = graduate level; u = undergraduate)

Introduction to Linguistics, (u, g)	Acoustic Phonetics (g)
American Dialectology (u)	Phonology (g)
Sociolinguistics (g)	The Grammars of English (u)
History of the English Language (u)	Traditional Grammar (u)

### ENGLISH AND HUMANITIES COURSES TAUGHT

Business Writing (u)	Elements of Art (u)
Composition (g, u)	The Ancient World (u)
ESL (Princeton-in-Asia Program) (u)	Writing Clinic (u)

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## PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

The Forensic Application of Communicative Principles. Presentation at the International Language and Law Association Meeting, Krakow, Poland. September 18, 2023

Disinformative Linguistics. Invited book chapter for Routledge Handbook on Forensic Linguistics and Ethics (in preparation for 2025 publication). Germanic Society of Forensic Linguistics.

Legitimate and Cynical Interpretations of Text. Presentation at the International Language and Law Association Meeting, Alicante, Spain. September 8, 2021.

Toward Linguistic Certainty in High-Stakes Communications. Presentation at the International Pragmatics Association Meeting, Winterthur, Switzerland, June 29, 2021.

Communicating Cooperatively within Bubbles of Disinformation. Presentation at the 24<sup>th</sup> DiscourseNet Conference, Discourse and Communication as Propaganda. Brussels, Belgium, September 9, 2020.

Measuring the Adequacy of High-Stakes Communications. Presentation at the workshop on Bias, Disinformation, Misinformation, and Propaganda in online news and Social media. @SOCINFO 2019. Doha, Qatar, 2019.

Cooperative Communication, Underspecification, and Equivocation, presentation at the Germanic Society of Forensic Linguistics, Graz, Austria, 2019.

Qualifying and Disqualifying Communicative Features in Police Reports, presentation at the International Pragmatics Association Meeting, Hong Kong, 2019.

Principles of Successful High-Stakes Communication, presentation at the American Pragmatics Association Annual Meeting, Albany, NY, 2018.

Communicative Malpractice in High-Stakes Documents, presentation at the Germanic Society of Forensic Linguistics, York, U.K., 2018.

Psychometrics and Forensic Linguistics, presentation at the International Association of Forensic Linguists (IAFL) Porto 2017

Psychology, Veracity, and Forensic Linguistics, poster session IAFL Porto 2017

Assured Attributions of Authorship, poster session IAFL Porto 2017

DIF Analysis Challenges in a Post-DIF Test Development Environment. 2015. Ewing, NJ: AICPA.

AICPA Test Development Fairness Guidelines. (with Linda Cook). 2022. Ewing, NJ: AICPA.

Content review protocol for pretest DIF items identified from the 13Q2 window of the Uniform CPA Exams. (with Rubright and Zhang). Ewing, NJ: AICPA.

“Does Your Examination Communicate Cooperatively?” Wild and Associates, Inc., 2010.

“Testing Diverse Populations,” American Educational Research Association (AERA) Annual Meeting, San Diego, April 2004

"Item Variants in Computer-Based Tests," American Educational Research Association (AERA) Annual Meeting, Montreal, April 1999.

"Farmer City, Illinois: Sound Systems Shifting South," in Heartland English, ed. T. Frazer (University: University of Alabama Press) 1998.

"Burnouts Versus Rednecks: Effects of Group Membership on the Phonemic System," in New Ways of Analyzing Sound Change, ed. P. Eckert (New York: Academic Press, 1991).

### HONORS

Awarded a National Defense Education Act, Title IV, Fellowship in Linguistics, University of Illinois. (1971-1974)

Daniel Bernian Award ("Most Distinguished Student in Foreign Languages"), La Salle College. (1971)

Pi Delta Phi, National French Honor Society, La Salle College. Served as President of Alpha Psi Chapter. (1970-1971) Alpha Epsilon Alumni Honor Society, La Salle College. (1971)

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

International Association of Forensic Linguists (IAFL), International Language and Law Association (ILLA), Germanic Society of Forensic Linguistics, American Pragmatics Association, Linguistic Society of America.

### Testimony at Trial or by Deposition Past 4 Years

(Party who retained me shown in bold)

**Robert Behar, et. al.** v. Lopez-Recio  
(Deposition)

11<sup>th</sup> District Court, Miami-Dade County, Florida

**Lites** v. Amazon.com Services, Inc.  
(Deposition)

USDC Southern District of Florida