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Helping international professionals communicate with greater clarity, confidence, and impact

WHO I WORK WITH

I specialize in working with multilingual professionals who are already strong English speakers and know they can do better. My clients include:

- Scientists, engineers, and researchers in pharma, biotech, tech, medicine
- PhD students, postdocs, and faculty in STEM fields
- Corporate leaders and executives at tech companies
- Non-native English speakers at any career stage

WHAT I HELP WITH

- Presentations and pitches to leadership, boards, or clients
- Meetings, Q&A, and high-stakes conversations
- Clear speech and prosody (rhythm, stress, intonation)
- Professional communication
- Reducing listener effort so your message lands clearly

MY APPROACH

Individual Coaching

1:1 sessions via Zoom. Begins with a thorough speech evaluation, then individualized lessons with recorded feedback and structured practice.

Corporate Engagements

Workshops, training programs for teams, departments, or cohorts.

CREDENTIALS

- PhD, Speech-Language Pathology, Wichita State University
- MA, Speech-Language Pathology, Wichita State University
- BA, English, University of Kansas
- 25 years specializing in accent modification for international professionals
- Former Assistant Teaching Professor & Master Teacher, Northeastern University, Boston
- Visiting Professor, Kyungpook National University, South Korea
- TOEFL iBT Speaking Rater, Educational Testing Services

AUTHOR

Thinking About Speaking: The Adastra Approach to Mastering the American English Accent (2025)

The scientific and theoretical foundation behind the method, written for non-native English-speaking professionals and the educators who serve them.

HOW WE CAN WORK TOGETHER

The Adastra Approach is a research-based, systematic method grounded in speech-language pathology, cognitive psychology, and psycholinguistics. It places thinking as the first step of speaking.

Everything is individualized. There are no cookie-cutter workshops or generic drills. I begin with a thorough evaluation, build a customized plan, and track measurable progress at every stage.