Dr. Elizabeth A. Baker is an associate professor of literacy studies at MU who joined the College of Education in 1996. Since then, she has produced more than 200 research-based journal articles, book chapters, presentations, technical reports, podcasts and websites that focus on teaching, learning and technology.

Dr. Baker’s deep understanding of today’s changing literacy landscape and the importance of educating the nation’s youth to read and write with technology have led to a long history of excellence. She has recently received a national award, the Award for Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Technology, and an international award, the Ernest L. Boyer International Award for Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Technology.

“She gave us the tools and encouragement to explore and learn, not only how to use many types of technology, but how best to make it effective in our classrooms with our own students,” one nominator wrote.

“…it was Dr. Betsy Baker who had great influence on my dissertation topic, my research agenda, my teaching style—and ultimately, how to go about making a difference in education,” another nominator wrote.

Dr. Baker has also created a bi-weekly public podcast, Voice of Literacy, featuring researchers discussing the implications of their upcoming articles as it pertains to teachers, parents, principals, policymakers and journalists. The podcast has just completed its fourth season and averages 65,000 users a year.