



Lois A. Bader

(1935 -)

Inducted: **2011**

Locale: **East Lansing**

Era: **Contemporary**

Area(s) of Achievement: **Education**

Born in a rural mining and steel mill area of Southwestern Pennsylvania, Dr. Bader dedicated herself to combating poverty by providing the gift of literacy and language to people in need. Dr. Bader, an author and a Michigan State University professor emeritus of literacy, has been the unpaid executive director of the Capitol Area Literacy Coalition since 1987. Throughout her professional career Dr. Bader has created programs in adult and child literacy as well as English as a second language in the greater Lansing area and around the world.

Dr. Bader is the author of several books and articles, including *Read to Succeed* and the *Bader Reading and Language Inventory*, which has become a standard in the field of literacy and is going into its 7th edition. The *Bader Reading and Language Inventory* was designed to help teachers, adult students, reading specialists, clinicians, and volunteer tutors diagnose specific literacy needs, measure a reader's growth, and the effectiveness of different reading approaches.

Just a few of the literacy programs Dr. Bader created include: Basic Literacy and Communication for the U.S. Marine Corps in Asia, Vocational and Workplace Literacy for the U.S. Army in Europe, and grass roots literacy programs in Liberia and the Philippines. She has been an instructor, consultant, and speaker on English as a second language, curriculum development, and literacy and learning disabilities across the United States and internationally in Japan, Honduras, Germany, Taiwan, Australia, Thailand, Korea, Liberia, Switzerland, Okinawa, Egypt, Malaysia, Philippine Islands, Hong Kong, and Singapore.