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**Elizabeth King** is the founder and president of both the boutique education company Think Tank Education International, Inc. and the action tank Agency For Emerging Voices, Inc.. Affectionately referred to as “The Sledgehammer” by her students and audiences, Elizabeth’s special skills lie in asking challenging questions and illuminating the complicated with simplicity and clarity. Funny and honest, Elizabeth knows how to level with audiences and bring them on a journey of new ideas and possibility. She doesn’t just speak; she teaches.

## Speaking Topics

why art matters in the age of the app  
analog minds in a digital era: learning from millennials and gen z  
how to teach when you’re not a teacher  
critical thinking, quality, and creativity  
saving colleges: reimaging the ivory tower  
the truth about K - 12 education reform

## For Young Audiences

knowing what’s real in a reality tv world  
girls’ empowerment  
everyone has an agenda: advertisers, adults, and adolescents  
the achievement myth: finding what matters  
straight talk about the SAT, ACT, and college admissions

**“Elizabeth traffics in smarts.”**

Baratunde Thurston,  
NY Times Bestselling Author, How To Be Black





**“Elizabeth has a special literacy  
in thinking critically about  
intelligence and learning....”**

Stefan Weitz,  
Senior Director of Search, Microsoft

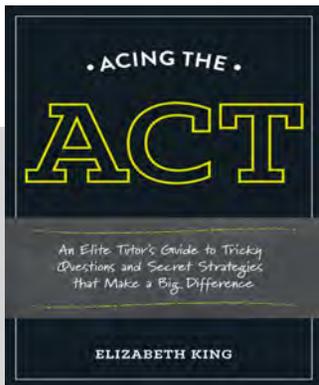
**“You made a lasting impact  
on all those who attended. Your  
message about perception and  
reality was particularly relevant....”**

Sydney McAuliffe,  
Dreyfoos School of the Arts

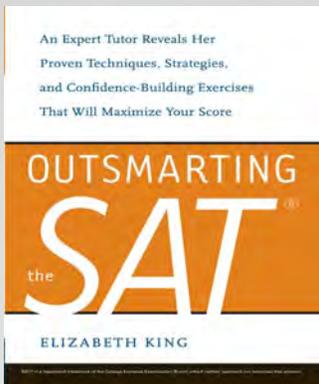
**Elizabeth King** is the founder and executive director of the action tank Agency for Emerging Voices, Inc.. and president of Think Tank Education International, Inc./Elizabeth King Coaching, Inc., a boutique online SAT and ACT preparation company currently serving students on four continents. She is the author of *Acing the ACT* (Random House/Ten Speed, 2015), *Outsmarting the SAT* (Random House/Ten Speed, 2008), and coauthor of Lou Imbriano’s *Winning the Customer* (McGraw-Hill, 2011).

Elizabeth’s writing, speaking, and consulting roles revolve around examining and cultivating personal development, critical thinking, quality culture, creativity, intelligence, and learning. She writes about culture, creativity, education, and discipline on the popular blog *StayOutOfSchool.com*, which she founded in 2010. Her new YouTube Channel called *Hold that Thought* launched in spring of 2015. She was highlighted by *Fast Company Magazine* in 2012 as a thriving member of “Generation Flux” and she has appeared as a guest on *Oprah Sirius Radio’s Derrick Ashong Experience*. The US Olympic team highlighted her interviews with Olympic gold medalist *Barbara Ann Cochran* about applying mental toughness to test taking and her thoughts on testing and education have been referenced in the *NY Times*, *Wall Street Journal on Campus*, and across the web.

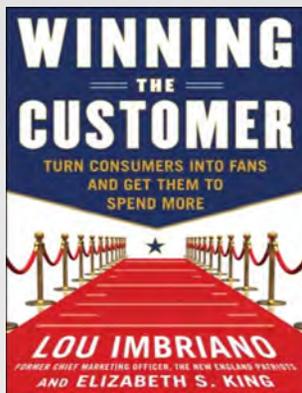
Elizabeth serves as a board member for the New York non-profit opera organization *North Shore Music Festival, Inc.* She graduated from *Mount Holyoke College* in 2001 with a special Bachelor of Arts in Cultural Economics. She is the recipient of a *Mount Holyoke College Class of 1905 Alumnae Fellowship* and a *Mount Holyoke College Bardwell Fellowship* and she serves on the *Mount Holyoke College Class of 2001 Board*.



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**"Elizabeth's energy and spark  
provided a passionate presentation  
for our network of  
creatives and community builders."**

Abby Bischoff,  
Creative Logistics Director at OTA