



Books: THE JADE DRAGON

Bio:

Dr. Virginia S. Loh is a new faculty member at SDSU and the Director of Wells Academic Solutions. She has a Bachelor in Arts in English Language and Literature and a Masters in Elementary Education (K-8) and Special Education specializing in Learning Disabilities (K-12) from the University of Virginia. Upon graduation, she received the "Outstanding Woman Scholar in Education" award. She earned her Doctorate in Education with an emphasis in Literacy from SDSU-USD in May 2008; her dissertation, for which she received a Beiter research grant award and for which she has published peer-reviewed articles and conducted presentations, was a qualitative study on the cultural authenticity of Asian-American children's literature. She is recognized as an expert in this field. For the past five years, she has been teaching graduate courses in education at SDSU, USD, and NU. She is also a published children's author; her debut book, The Jade Dragon, was published by Candlewick Press in 2006. Dr. Loh has been busy presenting her academic work, conducting author visits, and participating in book signings. She writes a biweekly column for AsiaMedia Inc. and is working on several other manuscripts for publication. Having served as a credentialed K-12 practitioner for a decade, Dr. Loh has worked with diverse student populations and is an expert in instructional pedagogies, assessments, and educational research and theories. Dr. Loh is committed to teacher excellence, educational policy-making, and student achievement. In addition, she is actively involved in community Boards and organizations: Voices of Women, Girls Think Tank, Red Shirts Committee for the Holiday Bowl, Lincoln Center for the Arts, San Diego Chamber of Commerce, Junior League of San Diego, Run Women Run, UVA Club of San Diego, etc. Dr. Loh is an avid reader; she belongs to five book clubs and one critique group.