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Dr. John C Trimble is Associate Professor of Spanish in the Department of Foreign Languages at Weber State University. Now in his eighth year at Weber State, he teaches Spanish language, composition, phonetics, linguistics, and pedagogy for teachers of foreign languages. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in Hispanic Linguistics.

Within linguistics, John is most interested in the intersection of second language acquisition, sociolinguistics, and phonetics/phonology. He is also interested in how perception of accent relates to community engagement and believes that learner accent plays a role in how target-language communities receive L2 learners. John also believes that, now more than ever, world language instruction has an opportunity to play a critical role in healing a nation and working toward a more unified future.

Outside of teaching and linguistics, John loves spending time with his family, traveling and gardening. Having lived in many different areas and cultures growing up, his interests in travel and culture started at a young age. When he's not teaching in the University, John's passion for gardening has him in the community teaching classes on growing fruits and vegetables. A dedicated educator, John is passionate about helping people learn how to learn so that they can become lifelong learners of whatever their own passions may be.