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Dr. Jeff Peterson is the 2024 Teacher of the Year for the Utah Foreign Language Association. Dr. Jeff Peterson is an Assistant Professor of Japanese in the Department of Asian and Near Eastern Languages at Brigham Young University. He earned his Ph.D. at Purdue University in Applied Linguistics/Foreign Language Acquisition. He has taught Japanese courses across the entire spectrum and was the recipient of the 2022 Hamako Ito Chaplin Memorial Award for Excellence in Japanese Language Teaching. Since 2023, he has also served as a member of the Hamako Ito Chaplin Award Selection Committee, a distinguished committee within the Association for Asian Studies that allows him to further advocate for excellence in Japanese language teaching. He specializes in Japanese language pedagogy and linguistics with a focus on extensive reading and online language learning. His publications have appeared in journals such as *Foreign Language Annals*, *Intercultural Pragmatics*, *System*, and *The Reading Matrix*. He is also a coauthor and actor for the innovative elementary-level Japanese language textbook series *Learn Japanese Online* (e-Language Learning, 2023, <http://elanguage-learning.com/LJO/>).

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