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The USU English Department welcomes new fiction faculty Amber Caron. Amber’s stories and essays have appeared in *The Threepenny Review*, *PEN America Best Debut Short Stories*, *AGNI*, *Bennington Review*, *Southwest Review*, *Kenyon Review Online*, *Longreads*, *Writer’s Chronicle*, and elsewhere. She is the recipient of the PEN/Robert J. Dau Short Story Prize for Emerging Writers, the *Southwest Review* McGinnis-Ritchie Award for Fiction, and grants from the Elizabeth George Foundation and the Barbara Deming Memorial Fund. Since 2019, she has been an Assistant Fiction Editor at *AGNI*. Her first book, *Lost Person Behavior*, will be published by Milkweed in 2023.

Amber says, “I am thrilled to be joining the department in this new role. As for my goals in the classroom: I once heard the poet Jorie Graham say she knew she had taught a good writing workshop when, years later, students were still trading work with one another. That seems like a worthy goal as a teacher: building a community of writers who take each other’s stories (and each other) seriously. And while it’s tempting to list all the writing skills I hope students will gain in my classes, ultimately, I want them to understand that language matters, that cultivating curiosity about the world is our first step to becoming engaged artists, and that stories have transformative potential.”

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