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2011-present	Lecturer	Teacher Education	Gonzaga University
2017	Program Director	Secondary Education	Gonzaga University

**Academic Degrees**

2018 <i>anticipated</i>	Ph.D.	Math and Science Education	Washington State University
2012	M.A.	Educational Administration	Gonzaga University
1984	B.A.	Biology	Gonzaga University

**Certification or Licensing**

1984	<i>Secondary Teacher Certification: Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, General Science</i>		<i>Washington</i>
2012	<i>K-12 Administrator</i>		<i>Washington</i>

**Professional Experience**

2011-present	Lecturer	Teacher Education	Gonzaga University
2007-2010	Adjunct Faculty	Teacher Education	Gonzaga University
2008-2016	Professional Development	Coordinator	Gonzaga Preparatory School/Spokane, WA
1999-2012	Teacher	Math and Science	Gonzaga Preparatory School/Spokane, WA
1997-1999	Assistant Principal		St. Mary Catholic School/ Spokane, WA
1885	Teacher	Grades 5-8	St. Mary Catholic School/ Spokane, WA

**Faculty Teaching and Administrative Load**Spring 2016

EDTE 401/401L	Elementary Methods: Math	4 credits
EDTE 404	Elementary Methods: Science	3 credits
EDTE 304	Science Concepts	3 credits

Fall 2016

EDTE 401/401L	Elementary Methods: Math	4 credits
EDTE 404	Elementary Methods: Science	3 credits
EDTE 509	Elementary Mathematics Methods	3 credits
EDTE 505/506/507	MIT Field Experience: Elementary	3 credits

Spring 2017

EDTE 401/401L	Elementary Methods: Math	4 credits
EDTE 404	Elementary Methods: Science	3 credits
EDTE 510	Elementary Science Methods	2 credits

**Current Collegiate Assignments**

2016-present	Chair	Professional Education Advisory Board
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**Current Professional and Academic Associate Memberships – Outside of University**

1994-present	National Council of Teachers of Mathematics
2011-present	National Science Teachers Association
2014-present	Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators
2016-present	Association for Science Teacher Education
2016-present	American Educational Research Association

**Current Professional Service, Leadership & Consultation**

Committee member Spokane Public Schools math curriculum adoption committee

**Professional Papers presented or Poster Presentations****National & International**

Premo, J., Cavagnetto, A., Nitta, K. (2017, April). *Social Structuring of Learning Tasks to Promote Whole-Class Cooperative Behavior*. Paper presented at American Education Research Association, San Antonio, TX.

Nitta, K. (2016, November). *Teaching the Nature of Science and Field Investigations in an Elementary Science Methods Course: Explicitly Connected*. Poster presented at the Portland FarWest and Northwest Association of Science Teacher Education session, Portland, OR.

Case, A., Nitta, K. (2016, February). *Intensive Field Experiences as Living Curriculum: Uncovering Hope in “Tough Classrooms”*. Paper presented at American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education Conference, Las Vegas, NV.

**Regional & Local**

Nitta, K. (2015, October). *APPLYing Technology: Supporting Preservice Teachers’ Integration of Digital Tools in Elementary Science Lessons*. Paper presented at Technology-Enhanced Curricula in Higher Education Conference, Pullman, WA.

Cox, J., Nitta, K., Salina, C. (2015, June). *Higher Education: Changing Roles in Reform*. Paper presented at Northwest Association of Teacher Educators Conference (NWATE), Pullman, WA.

Nitta, K. (2014, October). *Engineering Design Challenges in the Elementary Classroom*. Presentation at the Washington State Science Teachers Conference (WSTA), Spokane, WA.

**Professional Development Workshops/Presentations**

Nitta, K., (2015, January). *Instructional Shifts in Mathematical Practices of Common Core State Standards*. Spokane Diocesan Schools.

Nitta, K., (2014, October). *Standards for Mathematical Practice of Common Core State Standards*. Spokane Diocesan Schools.

Nitta, K., (2012, June). *Middle School Mathematics Workshop*. Spokane Diocesan Schools.

Nitta, K., (2012, July). *Inquiry Based Field Investigations*. National Park Service River Mile Project.

**Recognition and Awards**

Gonzaga University, School of Education, Faculty Excellence Award, 2016  
Gonzaga Preparatory School, Teacher of the Year, 2010  
Spokane Lilac Festival Teacher of the Year, 2003  
National Catholic Education Association Distinguished Teacher Award, 1999