

## Meritorious Service Awards

Certificates of Meritorious Services are presented, on the recommendation of the Sections of the Association, for service at the national level or for service to a Section of the Association. The first such awards were made in 1984. Each year, honorees from several Sections are recognized.

### Douglas Ensley

*Shippensburg University*

With great pleasure the Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (EPaDel) Section of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) nominates Professor Douglas Ensley for the MAA Meritorious Service Award. Doug has been an extremely active member of the MAA for over 25 years. His breadth of service to the EPaDel section includes Secretary, Vice Chair, Chair, and Governor. He adeptly organized the section's speaker series and student paper awards for many years. As EPaDel's inaugural Project NExT Coordinator, Doug truly welcomed many junior faculty to the section. He arranged numerous sessions that provided both beneficial early career information and activities, while he simultaneously encouraged the NExTers to become involved in the section. He has an incredible gift for inspiring others and cultivating enthusiastic participation.

At the national level, Doug has served as Deputy Executive Director, Visiting Mathematician, Second Vice President, and member of many committees and councils.

Doug is a tireless advocate for using technology to aid the teaching and understanding of mathematics. As MAA Visiting Mathematician, he helped lay the groundwork for the Mathematical Sciences Digital Library. In collaboration with Barbara Kaskosz, Doug created numerous resources for the MAA MathDL Digital Classroom and was its editor from 2001 to 2009. Doug has been a pioneer in using technology for teaching proof techniques and creating mathematics teaching apps for mobile devices. His resources have not only benefited those who used them to learn but have also inspired other educators to create similar materials.

Since arriving at Shippensburg University, Doug has supervised 36 students on a total of 29 separate research projects. He has given over a dozen invited plenary addresses to at least ten different sections of the MAA. He has organized numerous sessions, national workshops and minicourses at both MAA MathFest and the Joint Mathematics Meetings. He continues to be involved in many MAA projects such as META Math, CoMInDS and the *MAA Instructional Practices Guide*.

Doug's formal list of service endeavors to the MAA is extensive. But what cannot be listed is all the behind-the-scenes help, assistance, and guidance that he has always given, unassumingly and freely, to others. For his dedication and untiring service to the MAA and the mathematics community the EPaDel section is proud to nominate Douglas Ensley.

### Response

It is an indescribable honor for me to join the list of EPaDel recipients of this award. Our section has a sense of community that practically glows when we get together, and it's been like that since Louise Berard gave me my first EPaDel job in 1994. While I am immeasurably grateful to my section colleagues for this recognition, my biggest "thank you" goes to my family, especially Amy, who has made possible every conference trip and working weekend over many, many years. I am very aware that not everyone has this level of home support, a fact that sits at the center of my mind whenever I think about how I can serve others in our community. When I say this work is a privilege, I mean that sincerely in more ways than one.

## Biographical Sketch

Doug Ensley is professor of mathematics and a recovering former department chair at Shippensburg University, where he has been on the faculty since 1993. His first leadership position in mathematics was being named co-captain of the Grissom High School Math Team by legendary Alabama math teacher, Dorothy Wendt. From there Doug proceeded to the University of Alabama at Huntsville and then onto Carnegie Mellon University, where he earned his PhD in the area of mathematical logic. In addition to being a chronic organizer of professional development sessions and workshops, Doug has been PI for several NSF-funded projects focused on the use of technology in teaching and he has written extensively about teaching discrete mathematics. He served as Deputy Executive Director of the MAA from 2016 to 2018.