

## **2018 Presidential Recognition Award**

**Patricia J. Markert**

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Ms. Markert is being awarded for her outstanding contributions to archaeological ethics and service to the Register of Professional Archaeologists (Register).

Ms. Markert, a doctoral student at Binghamton University, became the Register's first Ethics Intern during the summer of 2017 with a loosely defined mandate to create a database of all resources related to archaeological ethics: from books to blogs. She was not daunted by the challenge and created a relational database, indexed by a myriad of categories, of ethics resources. Following her internship, she was hired as a consultant by the Register to manage a project to make the database accessible. What resulted was [archaeologicaethics.org](http://archaeologicaethics.org), a joint project of the Register and the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists. The web site is clean, well indexed, and fast. It is the only clearinghouse that exists for materials and resources on archaeological ethics.

Following the completion of [archaeologicaethics.org](http://archaeologicaethics.org), Ms. Markert took on the volunteer role as Chair of the Register's Ethics Committee where she continues to serve to coordinate the committee in matters of archaeological ethics. These include managing the Register's participation and sponsorship of Ethics Bowls at the Society for American Archaeology and Society for Historical Archaeology, and workshops on ethics at the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists. It also includes selecting, tasking, and managing the now annual Ethics Intern and overseeing [archaeologicaethics.org](http://archaeologicaethics.org).

Finally, during 2018 and as a consultant, Ms. Markert accepted the challenge of managing the development of a new web site for the Register. In her management role, she kept consultants, internal staff, service providers, and vendors on task and to standards. The Register would not have been able to complete this project, or any of the projects she has taken on, without her excellent management skills and attention to detail.

In recognition of her outstanding contributions to archaeological ethics and service to the Register of Professional Archaeologists, Ms. Markert is receiving the Register's 2018 Presidential Recognition Award.