

## BJ-ML SOPA FOCUS

### Pontikes Scholarship Recipients

The BJ-ML SOPA is proud to announce the recipients of the Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland Pontikes Scholarship:

**Jose Cedillos (POLS)**  
**\$1,500**  
**(Spring 2006)**

**Ashley Johnson (AJ)**  
**\$1,500**  
**(Summer I 2006)**

The Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland Pontikes is a scholarship that is awarded to deserving students studying at the BJ-ML SOPA.

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If you are thinking about a degree in Administration of Justice (BS), Political Science (BA), Public Affairs (BS), Public Administration (MPA), or Urban Planning and Environmental Policy (Masters or Ph.D.), please contact us at [soparecruiter@tsu.edu](mailto:soparecruiter@tsu.edu) or (713) 313-6849.

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## Professor Marva Johnson Receives National Lifetime Achievement Award



Marva Johnson, an assistant professor at the Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs received the Jewel Limar Prestage Mentor Award (JLPMA) at the 37th annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS) meeting in Atlanta, Georgia on March 24, 2006. This award is given to black political scientists at HBCUs who have made outstanding contributions to the development of students majoring in political science. Professor Johnson also received a seed grant to study African-

American legislators in Texas.

Each year NCOBPS selects someone whose life work exemplifies the high standards of service and mentorship that Professor Prestage has dedicated her life to providing. For her efforts, Professor Johnson received an engraved crystal sculpture.

According to NCOBPS Board Chair Shelby F. Lewis, Professor Johnson was chosen for the 2006 JLPMA for her demonstrated commitment to working with students at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). At TSU Professor Johnson is an outstanding political science professor who has organized career-day forums for students; worked with the Student Government Association; conducted voter registration drives; hurricane relief efforts and has been a successful mentor who has supported HBCUs.

The Jewel Limar Prestage Mentorship Award (JLPMA) is a national lifetime achievement award for service and mentoring at an Historically Black College or University. The award is named for Professor Jewel Limar Prestage, the first black woman to receive a Ph.D. in Political Science in the United States. A pioneer and activist in the area of Political Science in general and Women's Studies in particular, Dr. Prestage was at Southern University for many years, then Prairie View A & M University. Further, she is a founding member of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, the largest and most prestigious association of African-American Political Scientists in the United States. The membership is nationally and internationally known for scholarship and political activism.

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### Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs

Texas Southern University's School of Public Affairs was originally established in 1974. It was re-established in 2002 and named in honor and remembrance of TSU Alumni Congresswoman Barbara Jordan and Congressman George "Mickey" Leland in 2003.

In 1976, Congresswoman Barbara Jordan asked "Who then will speak for the common good?"; we are proud to say that the Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs (BJ-ML SOPA) is committed to working for the "common good." Here we are committed to educating leaders and empowering communities to change the world.