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WE ARE BACK!!!!

Sorry for the absence. Problems with me trying to be a webmaster, as well as duties associated with the Alabama Mississippi Sociology Association curtailed updates to our website. We are however back in business. There should be no more problems putting together newsletters.

End of an Era

At the end of his 36th year, Dr. Rodney Friery is hanging it up!!!! While we all know most things do not last forever, this did come as a shock to us who are 'in the know'. After 36 years things become habit. That is how it all felt around here. Dr. Friery is the mainstay of the department; the leader whom we take our cues from. He's the guy who set the bar for faculty-student interactions. He was supposed to stay here forever. Now however, we scramble to find out how to continue without him.



Our hope is to have some form of retirement party for Dr. Friery during the summer of 2010. And it would be great if we had alumni come and visit during this time. So we will see.

AMSA in Jacksonville

In February of 2009, the Alabama Mississippi Sociological Association annual conference was held at Jacksonville State University. Sociologists and students from the two states, as well as Georgia came to JSU to take part in the conference. At the banquet, former NBC News Anchor Fran Curry was the plenary speaker. Our own Kara Voorhest won the competition for Best Poster, which was done on tattooing.

Mid South Sociological Association

On November 4-7, Drs. LoConto and Deshotels will be heading off to the Mid South Sociological Association meeting in Lafayette, Louisiana. Heading off with them will be about a dozen JSU students. Those presenting in addition to Drs. LoConto and Deshotels will be Kristin Sloan, A.J. Blount, Christina Blount, Erin Robinson, and Natalie Dempster. Alumni Jeremy and Katie Ross, as well as Skyler Lauderdale will be there presenting papers as well. The Sociology Club has been busy raising money to offset travel costs. Rebecca Mayhen has been incredibly active visiting business people in the community. In addition there are and have been four bake sales for the month of October.