Conference Events

We will update this page with more information about some opportunities for participants while you are in Asheville. Please e-mail me at ddavis@unca.edu if you would like to participate in any of these events as soon as possible so we can make plans.

- **Asheville brews cruise**
  - Wednesday afternoon, there is a walking tour of three of our ten outstanding local breweries. Asheville was voted "Beer City USA" for the second year in a row in 2010. If you love good beer, don't miss out on this opportunity!

  http://www.brewscruise.com/asheville/

- **Welcome Reception**
  - Wednesday September 22, from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., we will gather at the Grove Park Inn and Spa for a welcome reception with a sponsored bar. We will gather on the Vanderbilt Terrace and sort out dinner arrangements at the many wonderful restaurants in Asheville.

- **Chancellor's Reception**
  - Chancellor Anne Ponder invites the participants of the 35th Annual Meeting of the International Merleau-Ponty Circle to Pisgah House for a reception Thursday, September 23rd from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Chancellor Anne Ponder cordially invites the participants of the 35th Annual Meeting of the International Merleau-Ponty Circle to Pisgah House for a reception Thursday, September 23rd from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Dr. Ponder looks forward to extending her personal welcome to the International Merleau-Ponty Circle and extending her hospitality on behalf of The University of North Carolina at Asheville. She has generously organized a special reception for us at the end of the first day of our conference featuring local food and wine.

- **Conference Banquet**
  - Participants will be treated to a wonderful 4 course dinner, including wine. There will be a sponsored bar from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Then participants will be seated for the conference banquet. Please be sure to indicate your choice for dinner when you register. The chefs at the Grove Park Inn can accommodate special dietary requests with advance notice.

- **Holzwege Hike**
  - Sunday morning, but not *too* early, a group will meet in the lobby of the Grove Park Inn and depart for a hike in the beautiful Western North Carolina mountains. Dr. Leslie MacAvoy [she's a Heidegger scholar, hence my silly title for the hike] will lead the group through the Cat Gap Loop Trail. The trail is of moderate difficulty and

is about 5 miles in length. There is an elevation gain of approximately 800 feet. Along the way, one gets beautiful mountain vistas, waterfalls, and lovely woodsy walking. Leslie is an experienced hiker and knows the trail very well. Participants should be sure to bring appropriate clothing and hiking shoes. Transportation will be arranged to and from the trail—about a 50 minute drive each way. The group will depart from the Grove Park Inn at 9:00 a.m. and return to the Grove Park Inn at approximately 2:00 p.m. A snack and water will be provided. There will be a small fee to cover transportation, which will vary depending upon how many people are interested in going.

- **Navitat zip line canopy tour**
  - This is really amazing! Go to the web site.

    http://www.navitat.com

Participants must register for this event in advance. The cost is $85 for the 3 ½ hour tour [there is a 10% discount if there are 8 of us or more]. There are lots of opportunities to enjoy the view and talk with other participants along the way—very relaxed pace. The views are spectacular! We will use the zip lines to "fly" from tree to tree, mountaintop to mountaintop—literally hundreds of feet in the air at some points. It is very safe and tremendous fun. I am trying to organize a trip for Sunday afternoon