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Lodging for the 2010 meeting of the International Merleau-Ponty Circle will be at the **Grove Park Inn Resort and Spa**, 290 Macon Avenue, Asheville, NC 28804. The Grove Park Inn is located approximately one mile from downtown with stunning views of the region and offers virtually every possible amenity. Those who participated in the 2001 meeting will remember the Grove Park Inn as the site of our Business Lunch on the balcony that year. This is one of the finest resort hotels in the South. President Obama recently chose to stay here for a weekend vacation. Please visit the Grove Park Inn website to see how wonderful it is.

<http://www.groveparkinn.com/Leisure/>

Transportation will be available to and from the UNCA campus for conference meetings from the Grove Park Inn on mornings and evenings Thursday and Friday. We have also arranged to meet at the Grove Park Inn for our Saturday sessions, the last day of the conference, including the business lunch and the conference banquet.

We were able to make arrangements for deep discounts on their regular room rates. The conference rate for rooms is \$189 / night. There is no additional charge for a second person for the room; however there will be an additional \$40 each for a third and fourth person per room per night [and a limit of 4 persons per room]. If you are interested in finding someone to split a room, please see the information at the bottom of this section. **Reservations must be made by August 21, 2010 to receive the conference rate.** Participants can stay for as many days before or after the conference as they wish at the conference rate. One night's stay will be billed at the time of reservations.

Participants should make reservations as soon as possible to ensure that there will be room for everyone at the hotel at the conference rate. Since September is high tourist season for Asheville, the hotel is likely to be full very soon. So please make your reservation right away in the interest of everyone involved.

To make a reservation, please telephone (800) 438-5800 and be sure to mention that you want the special group rate for The *International Merleau-Ponty Circle* [or group# 691034].

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***If you are interested in finding someone to share a room at the conference hotel, please send me an e-mail to ddavis@unca.edu, and indicate what restrictions you have: male or female, smoking or non-smoking. I will then post your name and e-mail on the "hotel roommates" link on our conference web page. I will be updating this link as I receive information from participants.