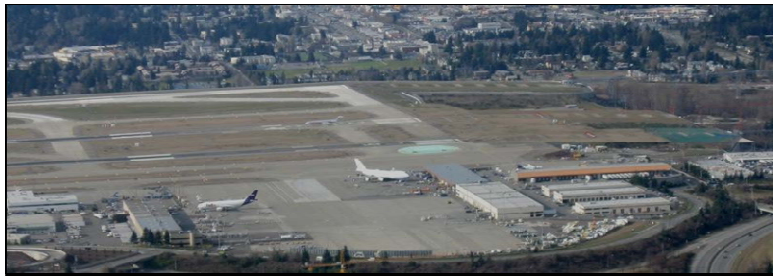
The post-doc years: Jan. 2009 – Nov. 2010 in Nanjing, China (NKG)

January 2009: DEN-EWR-DCA. An EL Al B744 with Newark's harbor in the background, a Continental B772, and a Continental B767 on approach with the Manhattan Skyline in the background. DCA: an US Airways A319 in a Piedmont special paint scheme.

January 2009: LAX spotting. An ANA B773 with fogging on the wings, a Air New Zealand B747, a Malaysia Airlines B744 landing into the sunset, and a Qantas A380.

February 2009 – my brother in law has a pilot's license, and is always gracious enough to build up some required flying time for when I visit. We often fly over SeaTac, and perform touch and goes at Boeing Field, Renton, and Paine Field. Below, top: Matt and I in the Stinson 108-3 Voyager and Renton on the right. Bottom: SeaTac on the left, Boeing Field center, and Paine on the right.



May 2009: PVG-DXB-ATH-RHO. Top: a Northwest A332, a Mahan Air B744 and a Bangladesh Airlines A310 after a fire event in Dubai. Bottom: my Air Comet A320, an Olympic A343,and an Egypt Air A343.

July 2009: XIY-CTU-NKG. An intraChina spotting experience. One really cool thing about China airports is they always have the name of the city in big letters. Xian's (XIY, 西安) sign with an China Xinhua Airlines B734 and an Ilyushin IL-76 on the tarmac. In Chengdu, a Shanghai Airlines B737, China Eastern A320, and Hainan Airlines B737.

October 2009: NKG-HKG-BNE. Top row: my DragonAir A333 in NKG, and a South African A346 and Kenya Airways B772 in HKG. Middle row: my Qantas A333 in BNE, a Cathy Pacific B773 in the "Asia's World City" special livery in HKG, and an Aeroflot MD-11 cargo in HKG. Bottom row: in HKG, a Kingfisher A330, a Cebu Pacific A320, a Jet Airways A330, and a "sweet" China Airlines A332.

January 2010 – a blast from the past, spotting with Eshan at ORD. On top, the arrivals from Asia: a JAL 773, Korean Air 744, Shanghai Airlines Cargo MD-11. On bottom, a Cayman Airways B733, American B763, Royal Jordanian A342.

January 2010: PVG-SIN. Top: My China Eastern A300, a Vietnam Airlines A321, and a Batavia Air A319. Bottom: a Thai A333, an Air Asia A320, a Tiger A319, and Singapore Airlines A380.

March 2010: PVG-LAX. Top: My China Eastern A346, a Thai A346, a Bentley Continental and JAL Taurcedes. Middle: a Cathy Pacific A343 with a FedEx MD11, the In-N-Out Burger from my A346 and with an Asian 744, and bottom, a Mexicana A320.

April 2010: PVG-ORD-XNA. An Air China A320, a : Malaysia B772, an Air Canada B773, and an AeroUnion A300 cargo.

May 2010: NKG-CKG. A Russian Ilyushin Il-62, a China Air Force B733, a Chongqing Airlines A320, and my Sichuan Airlines A320.

June 2010: PVG-ZHR-MXP. Top row: my Swiss A343, an Evergreen International B742, and a flyNiki A320. Middle row: a smoggy PVG lineup with four continents represented. Bottom row: a TAM A345, Blue Panorama B763, IranAir A320, and an Edelweiss A332.

Far right – for the World Cup, Swiss brought out the chocolate!.

August 2010: PVG-ICN-NGO-ICN-LAX-MSP-MKE; ORD-ICN-PVG. Top: a Philippines Airlines A333, a Finnair A333, an Asiana B772, and the Hollywood Sign. Middle: my Korean Air B744 with a JAL B773 taxing behind. Bottom: a Lan B763, a Delta A333, a Korean Air Cargo B744 facing off with us at the runway entrance (picture of the video from the nose camera of my B773), an Air India B772, and an ANA Star Alliance special paint scheme B772

September 2010: NKG-INC-URC-XIY-NKG. Top: a Juneyao Airlines A320, an OK Air B738, two Shenzhen Airlines B738, and a Shandong Airlines B738.

Urumqi in English, Chinese (乌鲁木齐), and Uyghur (ئۈرۈمچى). Tulufan Airport in Chinese (吐鲁番机场).

November 2010: Coming home, PVG-NRT-ATL-XNA. Left counter-clockwise: my Delta B744, an Alitalia B772, an Aeroflot A330 in a SkyTeam special paint scheme, an Air France A380, my Delta B772, and my Delta CRJ-200.