The U.S. National Center for Atmospheric Research runs a series of colloquia for early career atmospheric scientists. The colloquium in cloud physics run in May 2009 was attended by about 30 postgraduate students from around the globe, and included a four days of science lectures and planning workshops, a two day field measurement campaign for eight different mini-projects using dedicated aircraft and surface observations, and a four day analysis period to consolidate our results and present them to the group.

I'll be presenting an overview of the colloquium and a brief look at the mini project I was involved in, entitled "An Observational Study of Precipitation Formation in Cumulus Cloud". If there's time, I'll also run through some photos taken while out storm chasing on our one day off.