

## **Bruce Ganem Appointed 2008 Weiss Presidential Fellow at Cornell**

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Bruce Ganem, co-founder and Chief Scientific Officer of KensaGroup LLC, was one of four Cornell faculty members who have been awarded a 2008 Stephen H. Weiss Presidential Fellowship for excellence in teaching and advising undergraduate students and for outstanding efforts to improve instruction on campus.

Besides Ganem, the awardees include Ronald Harris-Warrick, professor of neurobiology and behavior, Mary Beth Norton, the Mary Donlon Alger Professor of American History, and Richard Rand, professor in the Sibley School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. Each awardee receives a grant of \$5,000 a year for five years.

“It was a great honor to be selected,” Ganem commented, “and especially to find myself in the company of three terrific colleagues, all of whom I've known for many years.”

When asked, the awardees agreed on what qualities were most important for professors. “Being a good speaker, a good listener, a good mentor, role model, advisor,” Ganem stated. “Overall, I would say that being able to connect with your students, and for both the student and the faculty member to come away thinking that each had somehow benefited from the interaction.”

The namesake of the fellowship, Stephen H. Weiss '57, is the late emeritus chair of Cornell's Board of Trustees. To date, there have been 50 recipients of the Weiss Fellowship. The current board will hold a ceremony in honor of the four recipients in May.

Ganem expressed gratitude to Weiss. “I'm a bit sad I never got to know Stephen Weiss, although I frequently saw him on campus during trustee meetings,” he stated. “He was obviously a very generous individual.”