

Faculty Profile

Boris Aronstein

During his tenure with Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, Dr. Boris Aronstein conducted research in the biodegradation of sorbed compounds important at Superfund sites in soils and aquifers. As Senior Researcher with the Institute of Gas Technology, Dr. Aronstein has conducted and supervised research projects on the chemical and biological treatment of oil and gas sites contaminated with various pollutants.

Currently, Dr. Aronstein is the President of Techinput, Inc., and is involved extensively in consulting for oil and gas industries both in the U.S. and abroad on the wide variety of issues, including: oil and gas reserve audit; oil refinery auditing and engineering design; feasibility studies and business-plan development; environmental permitting and risk assessment; corporate database development; and technical documentation management and control.

Dr. Aronstein conducts workshops and seminars in national and international environmental law for graduate students and faculty of Moscow Oil and Gas University. His areas of specialty lie in Environmental Chemistry/Microbiology, remediation of oil and gas sites, environmental risk assessment, waste management and national and international environmental law.



In December of 2004, the staff of Kennedy-Western University had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Aronstein, a faculty member since 1995 in the Environmental Engineering and Engineering Management programs. Over the course of his association with KWU, Dr. Aronstein has witnessed a great deal of change in course delivery, putting various kinds of media at the disposal of students. One such use of the educational technology utilized by Kennedy-Western is the live chat sessions.

During his visit to the KWU offices, he had his first opportunity to conduct a live chat session with KWU students. "The most obvious benefit" to the students of participation in the chats, Aronstein says, "is the opportunity for a 'live' discussion of [the students'] specific problems and concerns, which has always been a 'luxury' for students of conventional colleges and universities." Interested students can view archives of the lecture at <http://student.kw.edu>.

To Dr. Aronstein, the most rewarding part of being KWU Adjunct Faculty is the opportunity to be "constantly challenged" by students "who are already experienced professionals in various industries." Because KWU caters to mid-career professionals, working with students, especially at advanced levels, provides an opportunity for mutual learning.

Dr. Aronstein is able to further engage with students by participating in Final Paper reviews, assisting students with their capstone projects. He reminds students involved in the Final Paper process that "no printed words should be taken for granted and no idea or proposal can go without being challenged." By challenging everything, students can ensure a more "innovative and creative" research project.

KWU faculty and staff encourage you to interact with faculty and learn from the experts by attending online lecture-chats in your field of study. Upcoming chats are announced on the Student Services landing page at <http://student.kw.edu>.