



Dr. Chris Pacheco started his career in Dr. Judith Van Houten's lab at UVM as a chemistry major. He obtained his Ph.D. in neuroscience at the University of Michigan and subsequently, Dr. Pacheco joined Susan Lindquist's team at MIT conducting postdoctoral research on translational genetic studies of familial Parkinson's disease. Outside of academia, Dr. Pacheco has worked in gene therapy (Cell Genesys), robotics (HighRes Biosolutions), diagnostics (Roche) and recently on building biotech companies as a venture capitalist (Polaris and Alloy Therapeutics). He now holds a unique role at Ginkgo Bioworks as their VP of Venture Partnerships.

Dr. Pacheco has a passion for representing fellow scientists and enabling them to test their scientific hypotheses in a translational setting. Through his company building experiences, Chris was involved in the roll-out of Boston's first true biotech incubator, Lab Central with another panel member, Johannes Fruehauf. Recently Chris began working closely with UVM and Kirk Dombrowski to bring biotech to Burlington through its partnership with Bioloabs.