



Fall 2009 IBB NIH Biotechnology Lecture Series



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BioScience Research
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Rice's Institute of Biosciences and Bioengineering
Presents the NIH Biotechnology Lecture ...

“Landmines and Niches in Seed Stage Venture Development”

Given By...

Mr. Michael Cuchiara

Michael Cuchiara is a project manager at AlphaDev LLC., a seed stage venture development company active in commercializing life science and health care technologies. Interestingly, IBB collaborates with AlphaDev via an AlphaDev-IBB Life Science Entrepreneur Associate Program. While at AlphaDev, Mr. Cuchiara has helped to manage intellectual property, facilitate prototype design and development activities, as well as source and analyze potential investment opportunities. Prior to working at AlphaDev, Mr. Cuchiara obtained his B.S. in Bioengineering from Arizona State University. Currently, Mr. Cuchiara is pursuing his Ph.D. in Bioengineering at Rice University in Dr. Jennifer West's research group where he is developing hydrogel microfabrication technologies for tissue engineering applications.