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# SCIENCE COMMUNICATION & ACTIVISM CAREER PANEL

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# Science Communication & Activism Career Panel: Panelist Bio

**Kevin Alicea** received his Ph.D. in cell and molecular biology from the University of Pennsylvania. He helped start a local chapter of the Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) in 2016. He is a co-founder of “Caminos en Ciencia”, a science communication platform in where they conduct in-person interviews with Latin American scientists from all over the world and we discuss their career development as well as their surpassed struggles that led to their success in their respective fields. As a AAAS Mass Media fellow, he was a science writer at El Nuevo Día Newspaper in Puerto Rico. Currently he is an Associate Director of the Puerto Rico Outstanding Undergraduate Diversified (PROUD) program, a HHMI inclusive excellence initiative that aspire to create a Center for Teaching and Learning at the University of Puerto Rico in Humacao.



**Evguenia Alechine** holds a PhD in biochemistry from the University of Buenos Aires in Argentina. She has successfully transitioned from academia into the field of science communication in 2016 and has been teaching and coaching academics to effectively communicate science to different audiences and using various platforms. She's passionate about communication about health and sustainability to lay audiences. You can learn more about her story here: <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-019-02387-w>



**Wei Ji Ma** is Professor of Neural Science and Psychology at NYU. Wei Ji grew up in the Netherlands and did his Ph.D. in Physics at the University of Groningen. He did postdocs in computational neuroscience at Caltech and at the University of Rochester. He was Assistant Professor of Neuroscience at Baylor College of Medicine from 2008 to 2013, with an affiliate appointment in Psychology at Rice University. He has been at NYU since 2013, as full Professor since 2020. Wei Ji is active in mentorship, community-building, and outreach. He is a founding member of the Scientist Action and Advocacy Network and of NeuWrite NYU. Wei Ji co-founded the Growing up in Science seminar series, in which scientists tell their "unofficial stories", and the Rural China Education Foundation.

