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The instructor is Dr. Stuart White (stuart.white@uvm.edu), a geographer who has lived in and hiked Ecuadorian páramos for the past four decades. Contact him directly for more details and information about enrollment, or visit https://goabroad.uvm.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgramAngular&id=10878

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