



in the department enjoyed remarkable success in 2023 as you will read in the highlights on subsequent pages. The Steven Kale Scholarship Fund, endowed through the estate of the late Steve Kale, continues to provide scholarships to geography undergraduate and graduate



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In comparison to a hectic 2022, 2023 put an end to immense bureaucratic hurdles that were hovering over my head for years. I have finally received a Green Card,





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