Name: Nicolas Casey

Hometown: Sebastopol, CA

Instrument: Violin

Major: International Political Economy (IPE)

Minor: Music

Musical Involvements: Jazz Combos, Symphony Orchestra, jazz gigs (independently and through the School of Music), music production and composition.

Involvements Outside Music: Working part-time at the University of Puget Sound Technology Center.

On why I chose Puget Sound: I was looking for two things: 1) A small liberal arts college with a flexible degree program and 2) a strong music program. UPS has both!

Favorite thing about Puget Sound and the School of Music: The flexibility of the program! Even in the classical department there is room to study different genres, and the faculty are open to exploring non-traditional paths for music. Jazz violin is a strange niche, but I’ve been lucky enough to carve out a space here at UPS.

Favorite class: Physics of Music, Dreams and Desire, Human Nature

Favorite musical memory at Puget Sound (so far): The jazz combo that I play in booked the Rendezvous room in the Cellar for a gig over Halloween weekend. We invited our friends to come see us play in that quirky space. A great gig!

Favorite place on campus: Alcorn Arboretum. How lucky we are to be able to study in the middle of a mini-forest.

Looking forward to: Developing my classical and jazz chops with the faculty, continuing to work as a gigging musician on and off campus, and following my major path of International Political Economy.