

**Boston Legal Themes and Allusions in Comparison with Star Trek
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Person vs Persona: The Clarence/Clarice/Oprah/Clevante character is a true study in how much our appearance affects how we are perceived and how we react to that perception. Within the many physical transformations of Clarence, we also see the accompanying personalities.



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The person vs persona theme is explored in almost minute detail with dozens of characters portraying personalities with a myriad of physical appearances. No one more so than Rene Auberjonois, who as a changeling security guard aboard Deep Space Nine, had the ability to change his appearance into a variety of inanimate and animate objects. Indeed, Auberjonois, himself, portrayed a few minor characters on other Star Trek franchises. Life imitating art.

As a regular cast member, the character Lt. Cmdr Dax, made several transformations. "Dax was a Trill symbiont, a symbiotic life-form that existed with the humanoid Trill as a joined species. Each joining of Dax with a host created a new, unique individual, but each individual also carried the memories of the previous hosts. The Dax symbiont had been joined to nine official hosts, starting with Lela Dax through its current host, Ezri Dax." http://memory-alpha.org/en/wiki/Dax_%28symbiont%29



DS9: The Dax symbiont
http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/en/images/7/72/Dax_Symbiont.jpg

DS9: "Field of Fire" #6 Joran Belar (Leigh J. McCloskey).
http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/en/images/e/e3/Joran_belar.jpg

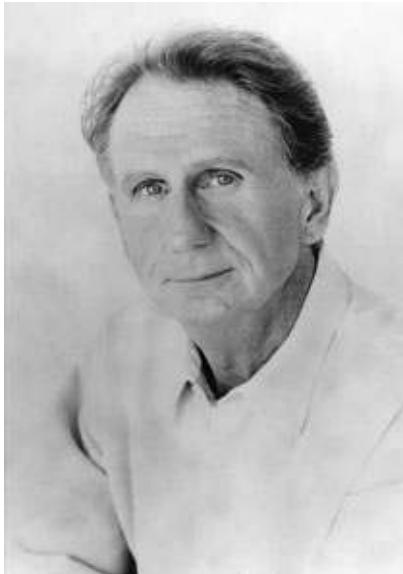
DS9: Curzon Dax #7 (played by Frank Owen Smith and by **Rene Auberjonois** (inset) during Jadzia's zhian'tara)
<http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/en/images/1/15/CurzonDax2368.jpg>

DS9: #8 Jadzia Dax (Terry Farrell) who joined with the symbiont after the death of Curzon
<http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/en/images/1/17/JadziaDax237.jpg>

DS9: #9 Ezri Dax (Nicole de Boer) after the death of Jadzia
http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/en/images/0/05/Ezri_dax_2375.jpg

Star Trek Alumni: William Shatner (Denny Crane), René Auberjonois (Paul Lewiston), Matthew Kaminsky (Mike Beckett), Zach Grenier (U.S. Attorney Randolph)

Rene Auberjonois, as well as playing Constable Odo on DS9, also played a significant role as Colonel West, in Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country as well as several other minor characters on DS9.



Rene Auberjonois publicity photo
http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/en/images/0/09/Rene_Auberjonois.jpg



Rene Auberjonois as Colonel West in ST VI: The Undiscovered Country
<http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/en/images/d/d1/ColonelWest2293.jpg>



(ENT: "The Catwalk") Zack Grenier portrays Renth, a member of the Takrit militia.
<http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/en/images/e/eb/Renth.jpg>



ENT: "Singularity / The Crossing" Matthew Kaminsky portrayed Cunningham, an operations division crewman (third class) aboard Enterprise (NX-01), where he worked in the galley.
<http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/en/images/8/8b/Maggie.jpg>



Matthew Kaminsky publicity photo
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Zack Grenier publicity photo
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