

Boston Legal Themes and Allusions in Comparison with Star Trek For Parallel Universe: Trek in the Courtroom for BostonLegal.org Season Four, Episode 12 (04x11) Roe v Wade, The Musical. Airdate: Jan 22, 2008 By Debb from Montreal

Paternally yours: The ethical dilemma facing Terrence Maxwell, the unwitting father to Missy Tiggs' unborn child/ is lightweight compared to some of the progeny arising in StarTrek. **TOS** explores some of the traditional and more familiar problems. For instance, Spock is practically disowned by Sarek on account he was "too human" and led to a near lifetime of strained relations. Even Captain Kirk had a son kept unknown to him until he was an adult. He died.



ST II: "The Wrath of Khan" Dr. David Marcus (*Merritt Butrick*) and his mother Dr. Carol Marcus (*Bibi Besch*). She "wanted him in her world, not traipsing around the universe with his father". Captain Kirk never knew his son. <http://movies.trekcore.com/gallery/albums/twok/ch3/twok0083.jpg>

TNG is where it gets fancy. For example, Captain Picard finds himself in two freaky genetic fatherhood situations (and so did a few members of his crew).

First there was Jason...



TNG "Bloodlines" Captain Picard (*Patrick Stewart*) has a father – son chat with Jason Vigo (*Ken Olandt*).

From Memory Alpha:
http://memory-alpha.org/en/wiki/Jason_Vigo

Jason Vigo was born to Miranda Vigo in 2347 not long after she and Captain Picard concluded an intense love affair, but his father was another member of Starfleet. Vigo's DNA was re-sequenced by a Ferengi to convince Picard he was his son who wanted to take revenge on Picard for killing his son at the Battle of Maxia.

Screencap:
<http://tng.trekcore.com/gallery/albums/s7/7x22/bloodlines249.jpg>

He didn't die.

...and then there was Shinzon:



ST II: "Nemesis" Shinzon (*Tom Hardy*) created by the Romulans from Captain Picard's DNA in a failed plot to replace Picard.
<http://movies.trekcore.com/gallery/albums/nemesis/ch8/nemesis221.jpg>



ST II: "Nemesis" Captain Jean Luc Picard is the unwitting progenitor of Shinzon.
<http://movies.trekcore.com/gallery/albums/nemesis/ch8/nemesis222.jpg>

He died... spectacularly.

Of course, parenthood isn't restricted to flesh and blood, Star Trek explores the possibility of Artificial Life begetting Artificial Life.



TNG "The Offspring" Cmdr. Data (*Brent Spiner*) gives life to his own creation, Lal, a beautifully tragic character played to perfection by *Hallie Todd*.
<http://tng.trekcore.com/gallery/albums/s3/3x16/theoffspring129.jpg>

She died. Sadly.

Enterprise's resident Counselor, Deanna Troi, had her own bizarre pregnancy.



TNG "The Child" Counselor Deanna Troi (*Marinna Sirtis*), is impregnated by an alien entity and the foetus develops at an accelerated rate. The child is named Ian Troi and is portrayed by *R.J. Williams*. Later, the child mutates into an energy lifeform and leaves the ship. Bye Bye Baby...

<http://tng.trekcore.com/gallery/albums/s2/2x01/child084.jpg>

<http://tng.trekcore.com/gallery/albums/s2/2x01/child164.jpg>

<http://tng.trekcore.com/gallery/albums/s2/2x01/child232.jpg>

Voyager grappled with the subject of Alien – Human hybrids/mixed species.



VOY "Deadlock" Naomi Wildman, daughter of a Ktarian and Ensign Samantha Wildman. Samantha became pregnant during a spatial scission phenomenon. She was duplicated aboard Voyager in Samantha's womb. Naomi was later portrayed by *Scarlett Pomers* in a recurring role.

L: http://voy.trekcore.com/gallery/albums/2x21/deadlock_214.jpg

R: <http://images4.wikia.nocookie.net/memoryalpha/en/images/6/65/Naomi-wildman2378.jpg>

Doesn't anyone have sex anymore?

Trek Alumni: William Shatner (Denny Crane), John Larroquette (Carl Sack), Ron Canada (Judge Willard Reese) Elizabeth Dennehy (Samantha Taylor)

FEATURED ALUMNUS:

Elizabeth Dennehy as Lt. Cmdr. Elizabeth Shelby



TNG: "The Best of Both Worlds" *Elizabeth Dennehy* as Lt. Cmdr. Elizabeth Shelby
<http://images1.wikia.nocookie.net/memoryalpha/en/images/4/4e/Sheiby.jpg>