



### **BIOGRAPHY**

**Penny Johnson Jerald**

"Dr. Claire Finn"

After graduating from The Juilliard School in New York, Penny Johnson Jerald (formerly billed as Penny Johnson) appeared in shows such as *The Paper Chase* and *Homeroom*, as well as in several movies. Her first major series role was in the cable comedy *The Larry Sanders Show*. She also was a series regular on *Castle*, playing "Captain Gates." Jerald had recurring roles on *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* and *ER*.

She perhaps is best known for playing "Sherry Palmer," the devious wife of "President David Palmer" on FOX's 24. Her additional television credits include recurring roles on *The 4400*, *October Road* and *Eve*. Jerald played former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice in two productions about the 9/11 attacks: *DC 9/11* (2003) and *The Path to 9/11* (2006). She also starred in the cable movie *Media*.

Jerald teaches acting workshops and produces and directs with her musician husband, Gralin Jerald.

Jerald was born in Baltimore, MD.