

James Denton

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Denton in September 2014

Born	January 20, 1963 Nashville, Tennessee, U.S.
Residence	Chanhassen, Minnesota, U.S.
Other names	Jamie Denton
Occupation	Actor
Years active	1993–present
Spouse(s)	Jenna Lyn Ward (m. 1997; div. 2000) Erin O'Brien Denton (m. 2002)
Children	2
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James Thomas Denton, Jr. (born January 20, 1963) is an American actor. He is best known for playing Mike Delfino on *Desperate Housewives*.

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Early life

Denton was born January 20, 1963, in Nashville, Tennessee, and grew up in nearby Goodlettsville, the second of three children. His father, J.T. Denton (1930–1993), was a dentist who had served in the military.^[1] His mother, Mary Jean Woolslair Denton, died from breast cancer in 2002.

Denton was raised Southern Baptist and became a Minister of Music at Westmoreland United Methodist Church in Westmoreland, Tennessee.^[2]

Denton graduated from Goodlettsville High School, and attended the University of Tennessee, where he was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He majored in television/Journalism, and earned a degree in Advertising. Before becoming an actor, he sold advertising for two radio stations. He began acting at the age of 23, at a community theater in Nashville. He eventually moved to California to become a full-time actor. He was, for a time, credited as Jamie Denton, in the film, *That Old Feeling*.

Career

While living in Chicago, Denton's first role was as "Stanley" in "A Streetcar Named Desire", and his last role was as the terrorist "Bebert" in the French farce, "Lapin Lapin". In the years that came between the two roles, Denton was a company member at The Griffin Theater and at Strawdog Theater Ensemble. He added a steady string of roles and accolades to his quickly growing list of achievements, including one of the leads in the world premiere of "Flesh and Blood", performing in and composing the music for "the Night Hank Williams Died", and his portrayal of Kentucky preacher "C.C. Showers" in "The Diviners" - which gained him a nomination for a Best Actor "Joseph Jefferson Award" (Chicago's only theater award).



James Denton at 16th Screen Actors Guild Awards

After moving to Los Angeles, Denton continued to perform on stage, usually during hiatus from whichever TV series to which he was attached at the time, and many of the plays, as well as the independent movies in which Denton has appeared, have been written by his friend, Mike Petty. For example, "In Walked Monk (<http://www.jamesdenton.com/appearances-1999-08-Monk.html>)", in which Denton played the role of "Steven" during the summer of 1999 and *Locked Up Down Shorty's* (<http://www.jamesdenton.com/appearances-2001-08-LUDS.html>)", in which he played the role of "Danny", during the summer of 2001.

Denton has appeared in several films, including: *That Old Feeling* (1997), *Face/Off* (1997), and *Primary Colors* (1998).

He has appeared in various television shows, including: *Sliders*, *Dark Skies*, *Two Guys and a Girl*, *Ally McBeal*, *The West Wing*, and *JAG*, and has had recurring roles in *The Pretender*, *Philly*, *The Drew Carey Show* and *Reba*. In 2003, he had the lead role of Special Agent John Kilmer in the short-lived crime thriller series, *Threat Matrix*. In 2004, Denton won Mike Delfino on the series, *Desperate Housewives*.^[3]

Since first appearing in *Desperate Housewives*, Denton has continued to act in various made-for-TV and **direct-to-DVD** movies, including: *Assumption* (2006), *Beautiful Dreamer* (2006), *Undead or Alive* (2007),^[4] *Custody* (2007),^[5] *Tortured* (2008)^[6] and *All-Star Superman* (2011).^[7] In 2009, Denton appeared in country star Phil Vassar's music video "**Bobbi with an I**".^[8]

Denton plays guitar in the charity band Band from TV along with Hugh Laurie and ex-*Desperate Housewives* co-star Teri Hatcher, among others. Denton modeled for Daniel Hechter's 2012 Spring-Summer advertising campaign.^[9]

Denton portrays Dr. Sam Radford, a starring role on the *Good Witch*,^[10] and has a recurring on *Devious Maids* as Peter Hudson.^[11]

Personal life

In high school, Denton dated country music artist Deana Carter. He has been married twice. He was married to Jenna Lyn Ward from 1997 to 2000. On December 16, 2002, he married Erin O'Brien, a personal trainer at Life Time Fitness.^[2] They have two children: a son born in 2003 and a daughter born in 2005. They had a house in Glendale, California.^[12] After *Desperate Housewives* ended, the family moved to Chanhassen, Minnesota.^{[2][13]}

Denton is part-owner of independent minor league baseball team the **Orange County Flyers** (part of the Golden Baseball League), who won the GBL Championship in 2008. The Orange County Flyers play at California State University, Fullerton in Fullerton, California.

Filmography

1993	<i>Thieves Quartet</i>	Ray Higgs	
1994	<i>Basic Football</i>	The Quarterback	Short film
1995	<i>Hunter's Moon</i>	Nick	
1996	<i>Sliders</i>	Jack Bullock	1 episode: 'The Good, the Bad and the Wealthy'
1996	<i>Moloney</i>	Rocky Talese	1 episode: 'Friendly Fire'
1996	<i>Dark Skies</i>	Robert Winter	1 episode: 'Hostile Convergence'
1996–2003	<i>JAG</i>	Lieutenant Commander Bruce Carmichael / Geoffrey Roizman	2 episodes: 'Hemlock', 'Fortunate Son'
1997	<i>That Old Feeling</i>	Keith Marks	
1997	<i>Face/Off</i>	Buzz	
1997–2000	<i>The Pretender</i>	Mr. Lyle	Series regular

2000			
1998	<i>Primary Colors</i>	Mitch	
2000	<i>Locked Up Down Shorty's</i>	Danny	
2000	<i><u>Two Guys, a Girl and a Pizza Place</u></i>	Dr. Howard Zaunaveld	1 episode: 'The Monitor Story'
2000	<i>Ally McBeal</i>	Jimmy Bender	1 episode: 'Do You Wanna Dance?'
2000	<i>The West Wing</i>	Tom Jordan	1 episode: 'The midterms'
2001	<i>The Pretender 2001</i>	Mr. Lyle	TV movie
2001	<i>The Pretender: Island of the</i>	Mr. Lyle	TV movie
Year ♦	Title ♦	Role ♦	Notes
2001–2002	<i>Philly</i>	Judge Augustus Ripley	Series regular
2002	<i>The Drew Carey Show</i>		2 episodes: 'The Man in the Iron Chair', 'Drew Tries Hot Salsa'
2003–2004	<i>Threat Matrix</i>	Special Agent John Kilmer	Series regular
2004	<i>Jumbo Girl</i>	Jack	Short film
2004–2012	<i>Desperate Housewives</i>	Mike Delfino	Main character Screen Actors Guild Award for Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Comedy Series (2005, 2006) Nomination -Screen Actors Guild Award for Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Comedy Series (2007, 2008, 2009) <u>Teen Choice award for Best TV actor</u>
2005–2006	<i>Reba</i>	Dr. Morgan	2 episodes: 'Date of Mirth', 'The Trouble with Dr. Hunky'
2006	<i>Assumption</i>	John	Short film ShockerFest Science Fiction Genre Award for Best Actor Fantasy / Science Fiction
2006	<i>Beautiful Dreamer</i>	Dr. Kessler	
2007	<i>Ascension Day</i>	Brother John	
2007	<i><u>Undead or Alive: A Zombedy</u></i>	Elmer Winslow	
2007	<i>Masters of Science Fiction</i>	Barney Curran	1 episode: 'The Discarded'
2007	<i>Custody</i>	John Sullivan	
2008	<i>Tortured</i>	Agent Murphy	Direct-to-DVD
2010	<i>Group Sex</i>	Luke	Uncredited
2011	<i>All-Star Superman</i>	Superman/Clark Kent (voice)	Direct-to-DVD

2012	<i>Hot in Cleveland</i>	Kerouac Cowboy	1 episode: 'Storage Wars'
2012	<i>Karaoke Man</i>	Slim	
2013	<i>Grace Unplugged</i>	Johnny Trey	[14]
2014	<i>Stranded in Paradise</i>	Carter	
2015–present	<i>Good Witch</i>	Dr. Sam Radford	TV Series Regular
2016	<i>Devious Maids</i>	Peter	Guest Star: 7 Episode [Season 4]; Protagonist
2016	<i>For Love & Honor</i>	Colonel Tom Brennan	TV Movie

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