



Kerry Washington
Actress, “Scandal”

Kerry Washington, 41, is an American actress known for playing Olivia Pope in the ABC drama “Scandal” since 2012.

Washington was born in the Bronx in New York City. She is married to NFL player Nnamdi Asomugha. They have a son and a daughter. She graduated from George Washington University with a degree in anthropology and sociology. Before her big role in “Scandal,” she made appearances in several films such as “Mr. and Mrs. Smith” and “Django Unchained.” Washington also made her Broadway debut in 2010 in “Race.” She is a L’Oreal spokesperson and the face of Neutrogena skin care.

Washington plays Olivia Pope in “Scandal,” a series about a manager who runs her own management firm in Washington, D.C. In this role, Pope works for the president. The show has been a huge success. Washington was nominated for an Emmy Primetime Award in 2013 and 2014. This marked the first time an African-American woman was nominated for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series in 18 years. She was also nominated for Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Drama Series for a Screen Actors Guild Award and Best Actress in a Television Drama Series for a Golden Globe Award.

In 2016, Washington played Anita Hill in HBO’s “Confirmation.” In this show, Hill testified during Clarence Thomas’ Supreme Court nomination for her accusation of sexual assault. Washington was nominated for a Golden Globe in the category of Best Actress in a Miniseries. She was also nominated for an Emmy and a Screen Actors Guild Award for playing Hill.

Washington is involved in activism. She supports LGBTQ rights and advocates against violence toward women. She is producing “Patrol,” a new ABC show about female LAPD officers.