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She has also appeared in the Academy Award®-nominated movie, *Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room* (Magnolia Pictures 2005) (as herself). Although the movie garnered her a listing in [www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com), she still hasn’t been able to join the Screen Actors Guild. In her spare time, she competes, pro-am, in American Rhythm and American Smooth ballroom dancing with her teacher, Sergei Shapoval. Currently, she is ranked 5th in the country in one of her ballroom categories (9-Dance B Division) and is the national champion in another category (U.S. Open Pro/Am Rising Star American Smooth Competition B Division). The most interesting thing about her is that she is married to a former Marine Scout-Sniper. The best way to reach her is to call her on her cell phone.

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1. \* “The” really is capitalized as part of The Ohio State University’s official name. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)