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Secretary of the Navy Donald C. Winter has appointed Dr. Leonard Ferrari as the Naval Postgraduate School's 12th provost and chief academic officer.

Ferrari, who has served as the NPS associate provost and dean of research since 2003, is an electrical and computer engineer with a Ph.D. from the University of California-Irvine, a master's degree from Northeastern University and a bachelor's degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was selected for the NPS post following a nationwide search.

His most notable work has been in the fields of signal and image processing, medical imaging systems, computer graphics and multimedia systems. He created an extremely efficient method called the 2-5-2 spline for computer graphics and data compression that provided unique computational advantages over previous methods.

Ferrari has published more than 100 research articles and has more than 30 years of experience in academe and industry. Prior to joining NPS as the dean of research, he was special assistant to the secretary of technology, Commonwealth of Virginia, and vice provost for special initiatives for Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University (VT). He has also been the department head of the electrical and computer engineering department at VT as well as the University of California-Irvine.

Under his leadership as NPS dean of research, faculty reimbursable research programs have continued to grow. NPS has also established new partnerships with other universities and government labs, including the University of California-Santa Barbara, Virginia Tech, National University of Singapore and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

The appointment as NPS provost is for a five-year term.

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