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BBI Chair Peter Blanck appointed Honorary Professor at the Centre for Disability Law and Policy at NUI Galway, Ireland

Peter Blanck has been appointed as Honorary Professor at the Centre for Disability Law and Policy at the National University of Ireland, Galway. This appointment is awarded to distinguished academics who have obtained eminence and leadership in their field of expertise. Dr. Blanck’s appointment is in response to the alliance being forged between the Burton Blatt Institute and the Center for Disability Law and Policy. The collaboration builds on long-standing partnership between Dr. Blanck and Dr. Gerard Quinn, focused on disability and human rights around the world.

The most recent formal collaboration, a partnership with BBI, NUI and the University of Haifa, was the Global Ph.D. & Researchers Colloquium on Disability held at NUI in April 2010. More than 30 Ph.D. researchers submitted and discussed more than 60 papers on over a dozen topical areas including Legal Capacity, Civil Society, the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities and Development Aid.

Blanck’s appointment was made by National University of Galway President James Brown on March 12, 2010. Brown said he believes the appointment “will bring many benefits to our Centre. I congratulate you on your appointment.”

Dr. Blanck says “My appointment will enhance our already strong ties and benefit our respective communities. The recent Colloquium, an excellent example of these ties, will build the foundation for even stronger research collaborations among scholars and Universities from around the world. I thank President Brown for this distinguished honor.”

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