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Dr. Blanck is University Professor at Syracuse University, which is the highest faculty rank granted to eight prior individuals in the history of the University. He is Chairman of the Burton Blatt Institute (BBI) at Syracuse University.

Blanck received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Rochester, a Juris Doctorate from Stanford University, where he was President of the Stanford Law Review, and a Ph.D. in Social Psychology from Harvard University.

Blanck has written articles and books on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and related laws, and received grants to study disability law and policy. Blanck is Chairman of the Global Universal Design Commission (GUDC), and President of Raising the Floor (RtF) USA. He is a former member of the President’s Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, a former Senior Fellow of the Annenberg Washington Program, a former Fellow at Princeton University’s Woodrow Wilson School, and has been a Mary Switzer Scholar. Prior to teaching, Blanck practiced law at the Washington D.C. firm Covington & Burling, and served as law clerk to the late Honorable Carl McGowan of the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

Blanck’s books include:

- Supported Decision-Making: From Justice for Jenny to Justice for All! (with Martinis, 2019)
- Supported Decision-Making: Theory, Research, and Practice to Enhance Self-Determination and Quality of Life (with Shogren, Wehmeyer, Martinis, 2019).
- Heavy Laden: Union Veterans, Psychological Illness, and Suicide (with Logue, 2018).
- Genetic Discrimination–Transatlantic Perspectives on the Case for a European Level Legal Response (with Quinn & de Paor, 2014).
- People with Disabilities: Sideline or Mainstreamed? (with Schur & Kruse, 2013).
- Race, Ethnicity, and Disability: Veterans and Benefits in Post-Civil War America (with Logue, 2010).
Building an Inclusive Society through Accessibility: International Perspectives, Challenges and Lessons

Keynote, Peter Blanck, Syracuse University

Thursday 21st Nov., 2:30-5:00pm

Phoenix Boardroom, North Campus, Maynooth University

All Welcome

Light refreshments served

2:30 pm - Welcome
   Delia Ferri, ALL Institute

2:40 pm - Keynote Presentation
   Peter Blanck
   University Professor & Chairman, Burton Blatt Institute, Syracuse University, U.S.

3:10 pm - Accessibility in Canada
   Charles O’Mahony
   Head of School, School of Law, NUI Galway

3:20 pm - The European Accessibility Act
   Delia Ferri, ALL Institute

3:30 pm - Tea break

3:45 - Round Table Discussion:
   Building an Inclusive Society in Ireland

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