Jacob G. Birnberg, Ph.D., was awarded the 2009 Lifetime Contribution Award from the Management Accounting Section of the American Accounting Association.

The award, sponsored by the AICPA, recognizes individuals who have made an important mark on management accounting, education, research and practice. Professor Birnberg was honored for his research and teachings regarding the application of behavioral sciences to accounting problems from organizational, individual and group perspectives.

His work has been published in both accounting and non-accounting journals such as Policy Sciences, American Journal of Community Psychology and Human Resources. He also collaborated on the landmark text, Cost Accounting: Accounting Data for Management Decisions, which was published in 1968.

In 1999, Professor Birnberg received the Lifetime Scholarly Contribution Award from the Accounting, Behavior and Organizations (ABO) Section of the AAA.

Jake retired as the Robert W. Murphy Jr. Professor of Management Control Systems Emeritus at the Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business at the University of Pittsburgh in 2006, where he began teaching in 1964. From 1960 to 1964, Professor Birnberg served on the faculty of the University of Chicago's Graduate School of Business.