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Professor Helen Birenbaum was the founder and first Director of the Stanton/Heiskell Center for Public Policy in Telecommunications and Information Systems, City University of New York (CUNY), Graduate Center. Established in 1988, the Center studies the economic, educational and cultural impact of telecommunications, especially as it affects disadvantaged communities; and hosts discussions on emerging technology issues.

Professor Birenbaum was the Director of Project Stretch, an educational enrichment program for underserved students and their teachers that support the use of computers for teaching, learning, and research. She was the principal investigator and director of Project TELL, a seven-year longitudinal study of the impact of telecommunications on the achievement of at-risk students.

Among Professor Birenbaum's previous responsibilities: University (CUNY) Director, Office for Economic Development & Research; Deputy to Executive Vice Chancellor for CUNY for Economic Development & Urban Affairs, and on-loan executive to the Vice President of the NYC Partnership for Education & Youth Employment, Professor New York Technical College. Among the articles and reports she has authored: Birenbaum, H. and Kornblum, W., *Fighting Urban Poverty: How Universities Can Help*, UNESCO, 1998; Birenbaum, H. and Kornblum, W., *Project TELL (Telecommunications for Learning). Report of Seven-Year Study to Bell Atlantic*, City University of New York, 1998; Birenbaum H. and Squadron, W., "Machines, Wires and Access: Information Technologies and American Urban Schools", *The Journal of Urban Technology*, 3:1, 1995; Birenbaum, H., Hochwald E. and Kornblum, W., *Project TELL (Telecommunications for Learning) Report*, City University of New York, 1994; Birenbaum, H., Glick J. and Kinsler, K., *Broadcast and Two-Way Video Distance Education Projects: A Review of Issues and Policy*, City University of New York, 1993. **Project TELL is reviewed in 1999 Conference Board publication Community Connections: Strategic Partnerships in the Digital Industries by Thomas Cavanagh.**

Professor Birenbaum served on the Board of Teaching Matters, Urban Technology Journal and Chaired the New York City Board of Education Technology Advisory Commission. She is currently retired.