Record Nr. UNINA9910252714903321 Autore Yu Han **Titolo** Communicating Genetics: Visualizations and Representations / / by Han Yu Pubbl/distr/stampa London:,: Palgrave Macmillan UK:,: Imprint: Palgrave Macmillan,, 2017 **ISBN** 9781137587794 1137587792 Edizione [1st ed. 2017.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (XI, 271 p. 73 illus.) Disciplina 303.483 Science - Social aspects Soggetti Life sciences Medical genetics Science - Study and teaching Science and Technology Studies Life Sciences **Medical Genetics** Science Education Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Monografia Livello bibliografico Chapter 1 Introduction: Visualizing Genetics for Public Readers --Nota di contenuto Chapter 2 The Photographic View: Observational Record and Symbolic Excess -- Chapter 3 The Microscopic View: Miniscule Science and Art -- Chapter 4 The Illustrated View: Iconic Explanations and Figurative Metaphors -- Chapter 5 The Code View: Cracking the Genetic Code of Life -- Chapter 6 The Graph View: Navigating Big Data Science --Chapter 7 The Structural View: 2D Realities and 3D Possibilities --Chapter 8 Conclusion. This book examines the visual representations used in the popular Sommario/riassunto communication of genetics. Drawing upon public science communication theories, information design theories, and social semiotics, the book offers both in-depth analyses and high-level synthesis of how genetics is visualized for the U.S. public from the early

20th century to the present. Individual chapters focus on six visual

genres: photographs, micrographs, illustrations, genetic code images, quantitative graphs, and molecular structure images. Han Yu challenges readers to consider the significance of these images we often take for granted, including their historical contexts, scientific backstories, information richness, stylistic choices, economic motivations, and social implications. In doing so, the book reveals the complex cognitive, affective, and social-cultural factors that both shape and are shaped by these images. The book will be particularly useful to scholars of public science communication and visual communication, practitioners of science communication, and scientists from a range of related life science disciplines.