Record Nr. UNINA9910337715903321 Autore de Luna Kathryn M Titolo Speaking with Substance [[electronic resource]]: Methods of Language and Materials in African History / / by Kathryn M. de Luna, Jeffrey B. Fleisher Cham:,: Springer International Publishing:,: Imprint: Springer,, Pubbl/distr/stampa 2019 **ISBN** 3-319-91036-1 Edizione [1st ed. 2019.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (172 pages) Collana Contributions from Africa, , 2196-5455 Disciplina 417.7 Soggetti Archaeology Linguistic anthropology African languages Linguistic Anthropology African Languages Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia 1. Interdisciplinary Reconstructions of Prehistory in Africa and Beyond Nota di contenuto -- 2. The Politics of Food Collection in South Central Africa -- 3. Commentary, Dialogue, & Supplemental Reading: South Central Africa -- 4. When did Feasting Emerge on the Eastern African Coast? New Perspectives from Historical Linguistics and Archaeology -- 5. Commentary, Dialogue, & Supplemental Reading: Eastern Africa Coast -- 6. Conclusion. . Sommario/riassunto This volume proposes a supplemental approach to interdisciplinary historical reconstructions that draw on archaeological and linguistic data. The introduction lays out the supplemental approach, situating it in the broader context of similar interdisciplinary research methods in other world regions. Reflecting the arguments of the volume and its goal to document the process rather than the outcome of interdisciplinary collaboration, the volume is organized into two twochapter case studies. Within each case study, the non-specialist develops an historical interpretation using their own research findings and published data from the other discipline. This chapter is followed

by critical commentary from the specialist, a dialogue clarifying the commentary and specialists' methods, and a second short historical interpretation that deploys insights from the supplemental approach. The conclusion reflects on the challenges of disciplinary conventions to interdisciplinary research and the contribution of the supplemental approach to efforts to know the history of oral societies in Africa and beyond.