Record Nr. UNINA9910456830903321 Autore Gualtieri Sarah M. A. <1967-> Titolo Between Arab and White [[electronic resource]]: race and ethnicity in the early Syrian American diaspora / / Sarah M.A. Gualtieri Berkeley, : University of California Press, c2009 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-282-36093-0 9786612360930 0-520-94346-5 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (291 p.) Collana American Crossroads;; 26 Disciplina 305.892/75691073 Syrian Americans - Race identity - History Soggetti Syrian Americans - Ethnic identity - History Syrian Americans - History Electronic books. United States Race relations Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. 233-256) and index. Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Contents -- Illustrations -- Acknowledgments -- Note on Terms and Transliterations -- Introduction -- 1. From Internal to International Migration -- 2. Claiming Whiteness: Syrians and Naturalization Law -- 3. Nation and Migration: Emergent Arabism and Diasporic Nationalism -- 4. The Lynching of Nola Romey: Syrian Racial Inbetweenness in the Jim Crow South -- 5. Marriage and Respectability in the Era of Immigration Restriction -- Conclusion -- Epilogue: Becoming Arab American -- Notes -- Bibliography -- Index Sommario/riassunto This multifaceted study of Syrian immigration to the United States places Syrians- and Arabs more generally-at the center of discussions about race and racial formation from which they have long been marginalized. Between Arab and White focuses on the first wave of Arab immigration and settlement in the United States in the years before World War II, but also continues the story up to the present. It presents an original analysis of the ways in which people mainly from current day Lebanon and Syria-the largest group of Arabic-speaking

immigrants before World War II-came to view themselves in racial

terms and position themselves within racial hierarchies as part of a broader process of ethnic identity formation.