Record Nr. UNINA9910460021803321 Autore Huhndorf Shari M (Shari Michelle), <1965-> Titolo Mapping the Americas [[electronic resource]]: the transnational politics of contemporary native culture // Shari M. Huhndorf Ithaca,: Cornell University Press, 2009 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-8014-5880-3 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (216 p.) Disciplina 323.1197 Soggetti Indians of North America - Ethnic identity Indians of North America - Politics and government Indian arts - North America Eskimos - Alaska - Ethnic identity Eskimos - Alaska - Politics and government Inuit - Canada - Ethnic identity Inuit - Canada - Politics and government Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Front matter -- Contents -- Illustrations -- Acknowledgments -- Note on Terminology -- Introduction -- 1. Colonizing Alaska -- 2. "From the Inside and through Inuit Eyes" -- 3. Indigenous Feminism, Performance, and the Gendered Politics of Memory -- 4. Picture Revolution -- Coda -- Works Cited -- Index Sommario/riassunto In Mapping the Americas, Shari M. Huhndorf tracks changing conceptions of Native culture as it increasingly transcends national boundaries and takes up vital concerns such as patriarchy, labor and environmental exploitation, the emergence of pan-Native urban communities, global imperialism, and the commodification of indigenous cultures. While nationalism remains a dominant anticolonial strategy in indigenous contexts, Huhndorf examines the ways in which transnational indigenous politics have reshaped Native culture (especially novels, films, photography, and performance) in the United

States and Canada since the 1980's. Mapping the Americas thus broadens the political paradigms that have dominated recent critical

work in Native studies as well as the geographies that provide its focus, particularly through its engagement with the Arctic. Among the manifestations of these new tendencies in Native culture that Huhndorf presents are Igloolik Isuma Productions, the Inuit company that has produced nearly forty films, including Atanarjuat, The Fast Runner; indigenous feminist playwrights; Leslie Marmon Silko's Almanac of the Dead; and the multimedia artist Shelley Niro. Huhndorf also addresses the neglect of Native America by champions of "postnationalist" American studies, which shifts attention away from ongoing colonial relationships between the United States and indigenous communities within its borders to U.S. imperial relations overseas. This is a dangerous oversight, Huhndorf argues, because this neglect risks repeating the disavowal of imperialism that the new American studies takes to task. Parallel transnational tendencies in American studies and Native American studies have thus worked at cross-purposes: as pantribal alliances draw attention to U.S. internal colonialism and its connections to global imperialism, American studies deflects attention from these ongoing processes of conquest. Mapping the Americas addresses this neglect by considering what happens to American studies when you put Native studies at the center.