Record Nr. UNINA9910778990003321 Party organization and activism in the American South / / edited by **Titolo** Robert P. Steed [et al.] Pubbl/distr/stampa Tuscaloosa,: University of Alabama Press, c1998 **ISBN** 0-8173-8668-8 0-585-14106-1 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (278 pages) Altri autori (Persone) SteedRobert P 324.275 Disciplina Soggetti Political parties - Southern States Southern States Politics and government 1951-Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Includes bibliographical references (p. [239]-255) and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Contents; List of Illustrations; Acknowledgments; Introduction: Local Political Parties and Party Scholarship; Part One: Individuals in Organizations; 1. Recruiting Activists; 2. Activists' Incentives; 3. Purist versus Pragmatic Orientations; 4. Ambition and Local Party Activists; Part Two: Activities in Organizations; 5. Parties, Ideology, and Issues: The Structuring of Political Conflict; 6. Party Maintenance Activities; 7. Campaign Activities; 8. Communication Patterns; Part Three: Party and the Environment; 9. Factions in the Politics of the New South; 10. Mass/Elite Linkage 11. Strength of Party Attachment 12. Party Activists as Agents of Change: Women, Blacks, and Political Parties in the South; 13. Summing Up: Organization and Activism at the Grassroots Level in the 1990's; Notes; Bibliography; Contributors; Index These new essays map the ways political parties remain vital Sommario/riassunto components in the American political system, especially in the eleven states in the South. As Tocqueville noted more than 100 years ago, ""No countries need associations more . . . than those with a democratic social state."" Although some contemporary observers see a decline in associations, especially in the political sphere, the contributors in this volume argue not only that political parties remain

an essential component of the American political system but also that

grassroots political groups have revitalized