Record Nr. UNINA9910780821103321 Working the field: accounts from French Louisiana / / edited by **Titolo** Jacques Henry and Sara Le Menestrel Pubbl/distr/stampa Jackson, Miss.,: University Press of Mississippi, 2009 **ISBN** 1-282-82118-0 9786612821189 Edizione [New Edition] 1 online resource (219 pages) Descrizione fisica Altri autori (Persone) HenryJacques Le MenestrelSara Disciplina 398.2/089410763 Soggetti Cajuns - Louisiana Cajuns - Louisiana - Social life and customs Creoles - Louisiana Creoles - Louisiana - Social life and customs Ethnology - Fieldwork - Louisiana Folklore - Fieldwork - Louisiana Louisiana Social life and customs Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. ""Contents""; ""Acknowledgments""; ""INTRODUCTION: The State of the Nota di contenuto Louisiana Field and Fieldwork (with a post-Katrina and Rita postscript)""; ""1. FINDING THE FIELD THROUGH THE DISCOVERY OF THE SELF""; ""2. ARE YOU GOING TO TREAT?: Asking Questions about Vernacular Medicine"; ""3. ARE YOU IN FOR THE LONG HAUL?""; ""4. THE THEORY AND PRACTICE OF ACTIVIST FOLKLORE: From Fieldwork to Programming""; ""5. (RE)TURN OF THE NATIVE: Insider Ethnography and the Politics of Fieldwork in South Louisiana""; ""6. TOURIST AND CAJUN FROM FRANCE: The Shifting Identity of the Anthropologist"" Sommario/riassunto Working the Field: Accounts from French Louisiana records reflections on the fieldwork conducted in French Louisiana by a group of anthropologists and folklorists from Louisiana, the United States,

Canada, and France between the 1970s and 2000. Contributors cast a critical look at the core anthropological concepts of field informants,

and knowledge. Reassessing, they propose that the field, identities, and knowledge acquired are not set entities but rather are a matter of construction. Personal profiles of the researchers (native or outsider, activist or academic, man or woman, black or white) contribute to frame the investigations. Essays also illustrate the shifting of these identities during and after the research in response to personal, relational, and political circumstances. This volume is a vital addition to the body of work on French Louisiana and Cajun and Creole Culture, and it provides an understanding of the true nature of anthropological fieldwork that is of great value to anyone attemmpting to research in a modern setting.