Record Nr. UNINA9910791651303321 Black Los Angeles [[electronic resource]]: American dreams and racial **Titolo** realities / / edited by Darnell Hunt and Ana-Christina Ramon Pubbl/distr/stampa New York,: New York University Press, c2010 **ISBN** 0-8147-9092-5 0-8147-7306-0 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (448 p.) Altri autori (Persone) HuntDarnell M RamonAna-Christina Disciplina 305.896/073079494 Soggetti African Americans - California - Los Angeles Los Angeles (Calif.) Race relations Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Contents -- Acknowledgments -- Introduction --Chapter 1. Race, Space, and the Evolution of Black Los Angeles --Chapter 2. From Central Avenue to Leimert Park -- Chapter 3. The Decline of a Black Community by the Sea -- Chapter 4. "Blowing Up" at Project Blowed -- Chapter 5. Out of the Void -- Chapter 6. Imprisoning the Family -- Chapter 7. Black and Gay in L.A. -- Chapter 8. Looking for the 'Hood and Finding Community -- Chapter 9. Playing "Ghetto" --Chapter 10. Before and After Watts -- Chapter 11. SOLAR -- Chapter 12. Killing "Killer King" -- Chapter 13. Bass to Bass -- Chapter 14. Concerned Citizens -- Chapter 15. A Common Project for a Just Society -- Chapter 16. Reclaiming UCLA -- Bibliography -- Bibliography --Index Sommario/riassunto Los Angeles is well-known as a temperate paradise with expansive beaches and mountain vistas, a booming luxury housing market, and the home of glamorous Hollywood. During the first half of the twentieth century. Los Angeles was also seen as a mecca for both African Americans and a steady stream of migrants from around the country and the world, transforming Los Angeles into one of the world' s most diverse cities. The city has become a multicultural maze in

which many now fear that the political clout of the region's large black

population has been lost. Nonetheless, the dream of a better life lives on for black Angelenos today, despite the harsh social and economic conditions many confront. Black Los Angeles is the culmination of a groundbreaking research project from the Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies at UCLA that presents an in-depth analysis of the historical and contemporary contours of black life in Los Angeles. Based on innovative research, the original essays are multi-disciplinary in approach and comprehensive in scope, connecting the dots between the city's racial past, present, and future. Through historical and contemporary anecdotes, oral histories, maps, photographs, illustrations, and demographic data, we see that Black Los Angeles is and has always been a space of profound contradictions. Just as Los Angeles has come to symbolize the complexities of the early twentyfirst-century city, so too has Black Los Angeles come to embody the complex realities of race in so-called "colorblind" times. Contributors: Melina Abdullah, Alex Alonso, Dionne Bennett, Joshua Bloom, Edna Bonacich, Scot Brown, Reginald Chapple, Lola Smallwood Cuevas, Andrew Deener, Regina Freer, Jooyoung Lee, Mignon R. Moore, Lanita Morris, Neva Pemberton, Steven C. Pitts, Carrie Petrucci, Gwendelyn Rivera, Paul Robinson, M. Belinda Tucker, Paul Von Blum, Mary Weaver, Sonva Winton, and Nancy Wang Yuen.