Record Nr. UNINA9910792176703321 Autore Koerber Amy **Titolo** Breast or bottle? [[electronic resource]]: contemporary controversies in infant feeding policy and practice / / Amy Koerber Columbia, : University of South Carolina Press, 2013 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-61117-246-2 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (205 p.) Collana Studies in rhetoric/communication 649/.33 Disciplina Soggetti Infants - Nutrition Breastfeeding 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 Infant feeding and rhetoric: an overview -- From "wives' tales and Nota di contenuto folklore" to scientific fact: rhetorics of breastfeeding and immunity in the mid-twentieth century -- Articulating knowledge and practice : the rhetoric of infant-feeding policy -- Viral rhetoric : breast and bottle in current promotional discourse -- Rhetorical agency and resistance in the context of infant feeding -- Feminism, rhetoric, and breastfeeding: some concluding remarks. Sommario/riassunto Breast or Bottle is the first scholarly examination of the shift in breastfeeding recommendations occurring over the last half century. Through a close analysis of scientific and medical controversies and a critical examination of the ways in which medical beliefs are communicated to the public, Amy Koerber exposes layers of shifting arguments and meaning that inform contemporary infant-feeding advocacy and policy. Whereas the phrase ""breast or bottle"" might once have implied a choice between two relative equals, human milk is now

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