Record Nr. UNINA9910798387303321 In our own hands: essays in deaf history, 1780-1970 / / Brian H. **Titolo** Greenwald, Joseph J. Murray, editors Pubbl/distr/stampa Washington, District of Columbia:,: Gallaudet University Press,, 2016 ©2016 **ISBN** 1-56368-661-9 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (289 p.) HIS054000 Classificazione Disciplina 305.90820973 Deaf - United States - History Soggetti Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Includes bibliographical references at the end of each chapters and Nota di bibliografia index. Nota di contenuto Cover: Title page: Copyright page: Dedication: Contents: Acknowledgments: Introduction: Chapter 1: Chapter 2: Chapter 3: Chapter 4; Chapter 5; Chapter 6; Chapter 7; Chapter 8; Chapter 9; Chapter 10; Chapter 11; Chapter 12; Contributors; Index "This collection of new research examines the development of deaf Sommario/riassunto people's autonomy and citizenship discourses as they sought access to full citizenship rights in local and national settings. Covering the period of 1780-1970, the essays in this collection explore deaf peoples' claims to autonomy in their personal, religious, social, and organizational lives and make the case that deaf Americans sought to engage, claim, and protect deaf autonomy and citizenship in the face of rising nativism and eugenic currents of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. These essays reveal how deaf people used their agency to engage in vigorous debates about issues that constantly tested the values of deaf people as Americans. The debates overlapped with social trends and spilled out into particular physical and social spaces such as clubs and churches, as well as within families. These previously unexplored areas in Deaf history intersect with important subthemes in American history, such as Southern history, religious history, and Western history. The contributors demonstrate that as deaf people pushed for their rights as citizens, they met with resistance

from hearing people, and the results of their efforts were decidedly

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