Record Nr. UNINA9910815205803321 The road to abolition? [[electronic resource]]: the future of capital **Titolo** punishment in the United States / / edited by Charles J. Ogletree, Jr., and Austin Sarat New York,: New York University Press, 2009 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-8147-6254-9 1-4416-3384-7 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (385 p.) Collana The Charles Hamilton Houston Institute series on race and justice Altri autori (Persone) OgletreeCharles J., Jr., <1952-2023.> SaratAustin Disciplina 364.660973 Capital punishment - United States Soggetti Punishment - United States Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Contents -- Acknowledgments -- Introduction -- 1. The Executioner's Waning Defenses -- 2. Blinded by Science on the Road to Abolition? -- 3. Abolition in the United States by 2050 On Political Capital and Ordinary Acts of Resistance -- 4. The Beginning of the End? -- 5. Rocked but Still Rolling -- 6. For Execution Methods Challenges, the Road to Abolition Is Paved with Paradox -- 7. Perfect Execution -- 8. "No Improvement over Electrocution or Even a Bullet" -- 9. Torture, War, and Capital Punishment -- 10. Making Difference --About the Contributors -- Index Sommario/riassunto At the start of the twenty-first century, America is in the midst of a profound national reconsideration of the death penalty. There has been a dramatic decline in the number of people being sentenced to death as well as executed, exonerations have become common, and the number of states abolishing the death penalty is on the rise. The essays featured in The Road to Abolition? track this shift in attitudes toward capital punishment, and consider whether or not the death penalty will ever be abolished in America. The interdisciplinary group of experts gathered by Charles J. Ogletree Jr., and Austin Sarat ask and attempt to

answer the hard questions that need to be addressed if the death

penalty is to be abolished. Will the death penalty end only to be replaced with life in prison without parole? Will life without the possibility of parole become, in essence, the new death penalty? For abolitionists, might that be a pyrrhic victory? The contributors discuss how the death penalty might be abolished, with particular emphasis on the current debate over lethal injection as a case study on why and how the elimination of certain forms of execution might provide a model for the larger abolition of the death penalty.