1. Record Nr. UNINA9910827966903321 Autore Hagan Jacqueline Maria <1954-> Titolo Skills of the "unskilled": work and mobility among Mexican migrants / / Jacqueline Maria Hagan, Ruben Hernandez-Leon, Jean-Luc Demonsant Pubbl/distr/stampa Oakland, California:,: University of California Press,, 2015 ©2015 **ISBN** 0-520-28373-2 0-520-95950-7 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (315 p.) Disciplina 331.5/440896872073 Foreign workers, Mexican - United States Soggetti Labor market - Emigration and immigration Guanajuato (Mexico) Emigration and immigration Social aspects United States Emigration and immigration Social aspects 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 Front matter -- Contents -- Acknowledgments -- 1. Who Are the "Unskilled," Really? -- 2. Learning Skills in Communities of Origin -- 3. Mobilizing Skills and Migrating -- 4. Transferring Skills, Reskilling, and Laboring in the United States -- 5. Returning Home and Reintegrating into the Local Labor Market -- 6. Conclusion -- Methodological Appendix -- NOTES -- References -- INDEX Most labor and migration studies classify migrants with limited formal Sommario/riassunto education or credentials as "unskilled." Despite the value of migrants' work experiences and the substantial technical and interpersonal skills developed throughout their lives, the labor-market contributions of these migrants are often overlooked and their mobility pathways poorly understood. Skills of the "Unskilled" reports the findings of a five-year study that draws on research including interviews with 320 Mexican migrants and return migrants in North Carolina and Guanajuato. Mexico. The authors uncover these migrants' lifelong human capital and identify mobility pathways associated with the acquisition and

transfer of skills across the migratory circuit, including reskilling,

occupational mobility, job jumping, and entrepreneurship.