Record Nr. UNINA9910838235303321 Autore Halvorson Britt Titolo Conversionary Sites: Transforming Medical Aid and Global Christianity from Madagascar to Minnesota / / Britt Halvorson Pubbl/distr/stampa Chicago:,: University of Chicago Press,, [2018] ©2018 **ISBN** 0-226-55743-X Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (298 pages) Collana Chicago scholarship online Disciplina 266 Soggetti Medical assistance, American - Madagascar Faith-based human services - Madagascar Faith-based human services - Minnesota Missions, Medical - Madagascar Missions, Medical - Social aspects Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Previously issued in print: 2018. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Contents -- Introduction. Conversionary Sites in Global Christianities -- Chapter One. Remembering and Forgetting through Medical Aid Work -- Chapter Two. Becoming Humanitarians -- Chapter Three, Redeeming Medical Waste, Making Medical Relief -- Chapter 4. Restructuring Value in Antananarivo -- Chapter Five. Translating Aid, Brokering Identity -- Conclusions. Aid's End Times --Acknowledgments -- Notes -- Bibliography -- Index Drawing on more than two years of participant observation in the Sommario/riassunto American Midwest and in Madagascar among Lutheran clinicians. volunteer laborers, healers, evangelists, and former missionaries. Conversionary Sites investigates the role of religion in the globalization of medicine. Based on immersive research of a transnational Christian medical aid program, Britt Halvorson tells the story of a thirty-year-old initiative that aimed to professionalize and modernize colonial-era evangelism. Creatively blending perspectives on humanitarianism, global medicine, and the anthropology of Christianity, she argues that the cultural spaces created by these programs operate as multistranded

"conversionary sites," where questions of global inequality,

transnational religious fellowship, and postcolonial cultural and economic forces are negotiated. A nuanced critique of the ambivalent relationships among religion, capitalism, and humanitarian aid, Conversionary Sites draws important connections between religion and science, capitalism and charity, and the US and the Global South.