1. Record Nr. UNINA9910889699803321 Autore Fielder Elizabeth Rodriguez Titolo The revolution will be improvised: the intimacy of cultural activism // Elizabeth Rodriguez Fielder Pubbl/distr/stampa Ann Arbor:,: University of Michigan Press,, 2024 ©2024 **ISBN** 9780472904662 0472904663 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (245 pages) PER011000SOC000000SOC001000 Classificazione 303.48/4 Disciplina Soggetti Activism - Social aspects Civil rights workers - Social aspects Protest movements - Social aspects Social change - Political aspects Politics and culture - Social aspects Minorities - Civil rights - Social aspects Intimacy (Psychology) - Political aspects Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Title from eBook information screen... Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (pages 196-203) and index. Sommario/riassunto The Revolution Will Be Improvised: The Intimacy of Cultural Activism traces intimate encounters between activists and local people of the civil rights movement through an archive of Black and Brown avantgardism. In the 1960s, Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) activists engaged with people of color working in poor communities to experiment with creative approaches to liberation through theater, media, storytelling, and craftmaking. With a dearth of resources and an abundance of urgency, SNCC activists improvised new methods of engaging with communities that created possibilities for

unexpected encounters through programs such as The Free Southern Theater, El Teatro Campesino, and the Poor People's Corporation. Reading the output of these programs, Elizabeth Rodriguez Fielder argues that intimacy-making became an extension of participatory

democracy. In doing so, Fielder supplants the success-failure binary for understanding social movements, focusing instead on how care work aligns with creative production. The Revolution Will Be Improvised returns to improvisation's roots in economic and social necessity and locates it as a core tenet of the aesthetics of obligation, where a commitment to others drives the production and result of creative work thus, this book puts forward a methodology to explore further the improvised, often ephemeral, works of art activism.