Record Nr. UNINA9910961112803321 Autore Williams Kim M. <1968-> **Titolo** Mark One or More: Civil Rights in Multiracial America Pubbl/distr/stampa Ann Arbor, : University of Michigan Press, 2010 **ISBN** 9786612644542 9781282644540 1282644548 9780472022595 0472022598 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (209 p.) Collana The Politics of Race and Ethnicity Disciplina 305.8/05073 Ethnicity -- United States Soggetti Race awareness -- United States Multiracial people -- Civil rights -- United States Multiracial people -- Politics and government -- United States Multiracial people -- Race identity -- United States Racism -- United States United States -- Race relations Gender & Ethnic Studies Social Sciences Ethnic & Race Studies Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di contenuto Contents; List of Tables and Figures; Preface; 1. Introduction; 2. Undoing the Working Definition of Race: 3. The Multiracial Census: 4. Multiracial Category Legislation in the States; 5. Political Commitments; 6. Growing Racial Diversity and the Civil Rights Future; Appendixes; Notes; Bibliography; Index Mark One or More tells the little-known story of the struggle to include Sommario/riassunto a multiracial category on the U.S. census, and the profound changes it

wrought in the American political landscape. The movement to add a multiracial category to the 2000 U.S. Census provoked unprecedented

debates about race. The effort made for strange bedfellows. Republicans like House Speaker Newt Gingrich and affirmative action opponent Ward Connerly took up the multiracial cause. Civil rights leaders opposed the movement on the premise that it had the potential to dilute the census count of traditional minority groups. The activists themselves--a loose confederation of organizations, many led by the white mothers of interracial children--wanted recognition. What they got was the transformation of racial politics in America. Mark One or More is the compelling account of how this small movement sparked a big change, and a moving call to reassess the meaning of racial identity in American life. Kim M. Williams is Associate Professor of Public Policy in Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, and an expert in racial and ethnic politics and political movements.