Record Nr. UNISA996571852303316 Autore Florini Sarah Titolo Beyond hashtags: racial politics and Black digital networks / / Sarah Florini Pubbl/distr/stampa New York: ,: New York University Press, , [2019] ©2019 **ISBN** 1-4798-0718-4 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (271 pages) Collana Critical cultural communication Classificazione AP 15965 Disciplina 302.23089/96073 Soggetti Race in mass media African Americans and mass media African American mass media Race dans les medias Medias noirs americains Noirs americains et medias Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Based on the author's dissertation (doctoral)--Indiana University, 2012. Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Mapping the transplatform network -- Enclaves and counter-publics: oscillating networked publics -- "MLK, I choose you!": using the past to understand the present -- "This is the resource our community needed right now": moments of trauma and crisis -- Conclusion. Unrest gripped Ferguson, Missouri, after Mike Brown, an unarmed black Sommario/riassunto teenager, was shot and killed by Officer Darren Wilson in August 2014. Many black Americans turned to their digital and social media networks to circulate information, cultivate solidarity, and organize during that tumultuous moment. While Ferguson and the subsequent protests made black digital networks visible to mainstream media, these networks did not coalesce overnight. They were built and maintained over years through common, everyday use. Beyond Hashtags explores these everyday practices and their relationship to larger social issues through an in-depth analysis of a trans-platform network of black American digital and social media users and content creators. In the

> crucial years leading up to the emergence of the Movement for Black Lives, black Americans used digital networks not only to cope with day

to-day experiences of racism, but also as an incubator for the debates that have since exploded onto the national stage. Beyond Hashtags tells the story of an influential subsection of these networks, an assemblage of podcasting, independent media, Instagram, Vine, Facebook, and the network of Twitter users that has come to be known as "Black Twitter." Florini looks at how black Americans use these technologies often simultaneously to create a space to reassert their racial identities, forge community, organize politically, and create alternative media representations and news sources. Beyond Hashtags demonstrates how much insight marginalized users have into technology. --