Record Nr. UNISA996582045603316 Autore Vasquez Jessica M. Titolo Mexican Americans Across Generations: Immigrant Families, Racial Realities / / Jessica M. Vasquez Pubbl/distr/stampa New York, NY:,: New York University Press,, [2011] ©2011 **ISBN** 0-8147-8843-2 0-8147-8836-X Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (316 p.) Disciplina 973/.046872 Mexican Americans - California - Social conditions - 21st century Soggetti Mexican Americans - Cultural assimilation - California California Race relations California Ethnic relations Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Includes bibliographical references (p. 269-282) and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Contents -- Preface -- Acknowledgments -- 1. Introduction -- 2. Thinned Attachment -- 3. Cultural Maintenance -- 4. Tortillas in the Shape of the United States -- 5. Whiter Is Better -- 6. Fit to Be Good Cooks and Good Mechanics -- 7. As Much Hamburger as Taco -- 8. Conclusion -- Methodological Appendix -- Appendix A. Respondent Demographic Information (Pseudonyms) -- Notes --Bibliography -- Index -- About the Author While newly arrived immigrants are often the focus of public concern Sommario/riassunto and debate, many Mexican immigrants and Mexican Americans have resided in the United States for generations. Latinos are the largest and fastest-growing ethnic group in the United States, and their racial identities change with each generation. While the attainment of education and middle class occupations signals a decline in cultural attachment for some, socioeconomic mobility is not a cultural deathknell, as others are highly ethnically identified. There are a variety of ways that middle class Mexican Americans relate to their ethnic

heritage, and racialization despite assimilation among a segment of the second and third generations reveals the continuing role of race even

among the U.S.-born. Mexican Americans Across Generations investigates racial identity and assimilation in three-generation Mexican American families living in California. Through rich interviews with three generations of middle class Mexican American families, Vasquez focuses on the family as a key site for racial and gender identity formation, knowledge transmission, and incorporation processes, exploring how the racial identities of Mexican Americans both change and persist generationally in families. She illustrates how gender, physical appearance, parental teaching, historical era and discrimination influence Mexican Americans' racial identity and incorporation patterns, ultimately arguing that neither racial identity nor assimilation are straightforward progressions but, instead, develop unevenly and are influenced by family, society, and historical social movements.