



Capital, Labor, and Urban Transportation: A Book Talk for Today's Working Class

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6PM to 8PM
Avery Room

Located in the Avery Fisher Center on the 2nd floor of the Bobst Library of New York University at 70 Washington Square South, Manhattan.

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*Refreshments will be provided.

RUNNING THE RAILS

CAPITAL AND LABOR IN THE PHILADELPHIA TRANSIT INDUSTRY

ARMED STRIKEBREAKERS. WELFARE CAPITALISM. RACE-BAITING. SMEAR CAMPAIGNS. Transit workers in Philadelphia, New York City, and other cities across the United States faced numerous management strategies to control its workforce over nearly a century and they had to fight for their rights at every turn. Taking Philadelphia as a case study, James Wolfinger's *Running the Rails* explores the organizing campaigns, the battles to secure decent pay and safe working conditions, the victories and defeats of workers in one of the nation's most important, but understudied, industries. Given capital's great power in American society and management's enduring quest to control its workforce, it is remarkable to see what transit workers achieved.

Introduction and comment by Joshua Freeman, Distinguished Professor of History at the CUNY Graduate Center and Queens College and author of *In Transit: The Transport Workers Union in New York City, 1933-1966* and *Working-Class New York: Life and Labor Since World War II*.

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