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## **“Real Class Warfare: The Great 1934 Longshore Strike in Portland.”**

The Oregon Encyclopedia (The OE) is pleased to announce its partnership with the historic Rialto Poolroom and Bar in downtown Portland to present a series of free public programs on the history and culture of our city in **Stumptown Stories: Portland History and Legends**. OE authors will present each month on the people, places, and events that shaped the city in important—and sometimes unexpected—ways. Historical photos are part of each program.

### **“Real Class Warfare: The Great 1934 Longshore Strike in Portland.”**

**Presented by Michael Munk**

**Tuesday, October 11, 2011**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Rialto Poolroom and Bar**

**529 SW 4th Ave**

**Free and open to the public. Must be 21 or over.**

On May 9, 1934, thousands of longshoremen along the West Coast walked off the job, beginning an eighty-two-day standoff between the International Longshoreman’s Association (ILA) and company owners. In Portland, the strike split the city in two: sympathetic citizens rallied around the workers, offering food, shelter, and transportation; those opposed to the strike—including Henry Corbett, Amedee Smith, and Henry Cabell—formed the Citizens Emergency Committee and called on President Roosevelt to stop the strike with federal troops.

Michael Munk, political scientist and local expert on radicalism in Oregon, sets the stage for one of the most important strikes in 20th-century Oregon and examines how the determination of thousands of men and their supporters in 1934 influenced the shape and strength of unions in the years to follow.

Michael Munk retired after teaching political science for more than twenty-five years, most recently at Rutgers University. He is author of *The Portland Red Guide: Sites & Stories of Our Radical Past* (Ooligan Press, 2007).

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