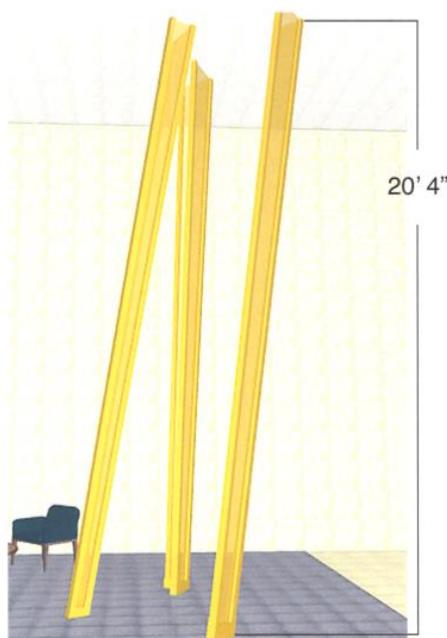




Public Art Project in Progress at Fred and Pamela Buffett Cancer Center, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE.

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Amy Westover, *On Rays of Time* (artist rendering).

(Omaha, Nebraska) – *On Rays of Time* by **Amy Westover** is a conceptual installation to be located in the Fred and Pamela Buffett Cancer Center, University of Nebraska, Omaha, NE. It is a Nebraska 1% for Public Art project, completed by May 1, 2019.

The sculpture, *On Rays of Time*, consists of three separate “sunbeams” made of multi-layered, geometric pieces of colored cast glass and metal that angle through the space from floor to ceiling designed to embody the sunlight peeking through a window or cloud. The sun emerges from behind the nearby building in the same way the beams are oriented in the space, creating an illusion of the natural world within the building.

Each beam has a “V” shape design, echoing the triangular shape of the architecture. Westover’s use of repetition creates a grounded, purposeful and harmonious space.

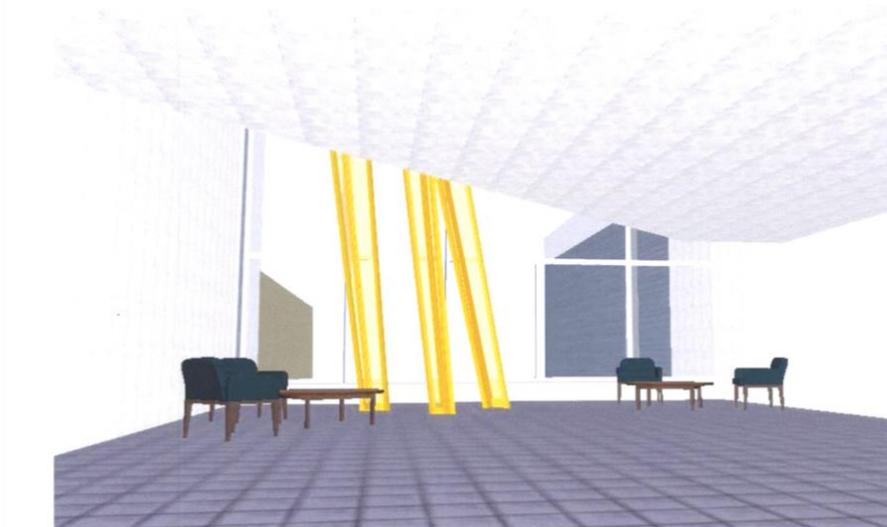


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Artist Statement:

During this design process, I listened to a series of stories recorded by Story Corps of American, an organization dedicated to recording individuals' stories and archiving them at the Library of Congress. Story Corps had recently traveled to cancer centers across the US to record stories from patients, families, and staff. A central theme emerged as I listened: time. When someone receives a cancer diagnosis, the first questions revolve around time. How long has the cancer been progressing? How long will it take to treat? How long will I have to live? How much time do I have to spend with friends and family?

The correlation to these stories, their concepts of time and hope, were serendipitous to the development of a design with sunbeams. The sun is the timepiece of our lives. We rely upon its ability to support life and provide warmth. Although the sun charts our daily time, its rays also allude to infinite time and new beginnings. The sun continues to shine through good times and hard, giving hope and warmth our lives, always glowing with the promise of life.



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About the Artist:

Amy Westover earned her BFA in Visual Art at Boise State University Boise, Idaho with an Interdisciplinary emphasis in Printmaking and Sculpture in 2000. She now resides in Buhl, Idaho, where she actively works as a public and working artist. More information on Amy Westover: <https://amywestover.com>

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