

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



Carry, 2020, wood, waxed linen, ink, 67" x 24" x 14"

Julia Shepley: Carry

March 30 – May 1, 2022

First Friday Reception

April 1, 5 - 8:30pm

Artist's Reception

Saturday, April 9, 3 - 5pm

Artist Meet & Greet

April 16 & 24, 11 - 5pm

Gallery Hours

Wednesday - Sunday, 11 - 5pm

Julia Shepley's exhibition *Carry* features a series of inventive open-framework wood sculptures which, in concert with their shadows, form an animated procession across the gallery walls. The exhibition also showcases new drawings and prints.

Long engaged with the effects of architecture and light on our collective unconscious, Shepley's work is informed by varying observational viewpoints, as well as the compressed, warped, or elongated shapes of shadows and reflections. Her sculpture and drawings embody a transformational process of constant movement and reassembly. *Carry*, a five-foot-long sculpture constructed of rhythmic hinged elements and cast shadows, conflates forms evocative of both ceremonial chair litters and medical stretchers.

The imagery in Shepley's drawings and prints is based on the artist's observations of architecture and stonework as reflected in pools of water and waterways. In these multi-layered works, Shepley often combines unexpected materials such as copper foil, wood veneer, and plastic vellum to extend her drawings beyond the picture plane into the gallery space.

There is a relevance to Shepley's imagery in this era of the pandemic, as people find themselves newly observant of their personal environments and the changes of light and space—stretching and retracting— as the days and seasons pass.

Julia Shepley has exhibited nationally and internationally, and her work is included in numerous public and private collections. Publications that have reviewed her work include: the Boston Globe, Sculpture Magazine, ArtScope, and Art New England. Shepley studied at Boston University and is a member of the [Boston Printmakers](#) and [the Textile Study Group](#) in New York City. She works at her studio at [Brickbottom Artists Building](#) in Somerville, MA.

Contact:

Almitra Stanley, Director
Almitra.stanley@gmail.com
Ph: 617.501.5600
BostonSculptors.com

Julia Shepley
617.628.7623
jrshepley@rcn.com
www.juliashepley.com