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EDUCATION:

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
Master of Science in Elementary Education, May 2012

Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY
Bachelor of Arts, May 2011
Concentrations: Writing, Education and Language (Spanish)

Instituto Superior De Arte, Havana, Cuba
Apprenticeship with Alejandro Cordobés, 2009

SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

2023 **Solo Exhibition**, Canton Museum of Art, Canton, OH, *Upcoming*
2020 **In Pursuit of Happiness**, Washington County Arts Council, Hagerstown, MD
2020 **Papercut Polaroids**, Soapbox Arts, Burlington, VT
2020 **Expectation/Reality**, The Art League, Alexandria, VA
2019 **Then & Only**, The Bromo Seltzer Arts Tower, Baltimore, MD
2019 **Perfectly Misunderstandable**, District Arts, Frederick, MD
2019 **Between**, Jubilee Arts, Baltimore, MD
2019 **Gallery Takeover**, Night Owl Gallery, Baltimore, MD
2019 **Pigeons and Power Lines**, Delaplaine Arts Center, Frederick MD
2018 **Half Truth**, High 5 Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
2018 **Papercut Pop Up**, Ruckus Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

EXHIBITIONS AND EVENTS:

2021 **Urban Landscapes**, Beacon Gallery, Boston, MA
2020 **Under 500**, Maryland Art Place, Baltimore, MD
2020 **Philadelphia's Freedom**, National Liberty Museum, Philadelphia, PA
2020 **Us: What Divides Us and What Unites Us?**, Touchstone Gallery, Washington D.C.
2020 **Paper Works**, The Mansion at Strathmore, N. Bethesda, MD
2020 **Out of Order: Annual Benefit Exhibition**, Maryland Art Place, Baltimore, MD
2020 **Women's Caucus For Art Philadelphia: Black Lives Matter**, Virtual Exhibition.
2020 **Colors of Hope**, Da Vinci Art Alliance, Philadelphia, PA
2020 **National Juried Exhibition**, Delaplaine Arts Center, Frederick MD
2020 **As It Should Be**, Gallery CA, Baltimore, MD
2020 **Artists in the time of Coronavirus**, Artblog, Digital Exhibition
2020 **Ten**, Paradigm Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
2020 **January Open**, The Art League at The Torpedo Factory, Alexandria, VA
2019 **Spotlight Series**, Touchstone Gallery, Washington D.C.
2019 **The Gift of Art**, Torpedo Factory Artists @ Mosaic, Fairfax, VA

2019 **Urban Tales**, InSquare Art, Baltimore, MD

2019 **Back & Forth**, Marian Van Landingham Gallery, Alexandria, VA

2019 **Paper In Places**, Gallery 3700, Arlington, VA

2019 **China-U.S.-Japan Paper-Cutting Exchange Exhibition**, Xianyang Worker Art Gallery, Xianyang, China

2019 **July Open**, The Art League at The Torpedo Factory, Alexandria, VA
**Honorable Mention for "Race Street"*

2019 **South Philly: Pretty and Gritty**, Da Vinci Art Alliance, Philadelphia, PA

2019 **May Open**, The Art League at The Torpedo Factory, Alexandria, VA

2019 **pa•per**, Paradigm Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

2019 **Out of Order: Annual Benefit Exhibition**, Maryland Art Place, Baltimore, MD

2018 **Under 500**, Maryland Art Place, Baltimore, MD

2018 **The Food Container Project**, James Oliver Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

2018 **December Open**, The Art League at The Torpedo Factory, Alexandria, VA

2018 **One House Project**, BlackRock Center for the Arts, Germantown, MD

2018 **CraftNOW**, The Kimmel Center, Philadelphia PA

2018 **America Undone**, Suzanne Roberts Theater & Mount Airy Art Garage, Philadelphia PA

2018 **September Open**, The Art League at The Torpedo Factory, Alexandria, VA

2018 **What's Cooking?**, Guild of American Papercutters' National Museum, Sommerset, PA

2018 **Art Hop Takoma**, Takoma, MD

2018 **Out of Order: Annual Benefit Exhibition**, Maryland Art Place, Baltimore, MD

2018 **Making Israel Real**, Temple Judea Museum, Elkins Park, PA

2018 **International Variety**, James Oliver Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

2018 **America From Sea To Shining Sea**, Open Space Gallery, Rockville, MD

2017 **Under The Knife**, Hicks Art Center Gallery, Newtown, PA

2016 **JOG 10: The 10th Anniversary Show**, Philadelphia, PA

2016 **City Arts Salon**, Sharktown, Philadelphia, PA

2016 **Rhapsody In Our Mind**, Boston Street Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

GRANTS:

2020 **The Sachs Program for Arts Innovation**, Philadelphia, PA
 Funds from this grant will allow me to create a series of life-size papercut self-portraits in my various roles demonstrating that not only can Black people be all things, but a single Black woman can be a dozen things all at once.

2020 **Maryland State Arts Council**, Baltimore, MD
 The Council provided funding for me to attend The Guild of American Papercutters' Conference which was canceled due to Covid-19. The Council generously allowed me to use the grant to fund an upcoming exhibition.

2019 **Maryland Arts Summit Scholarship**, Baltimore, MD
 Funding allowed me to attend the inaugural Maryland State Arts Summit to learn from and network with members of the arts community throughout the state.

2017 **Making Israel Real**, The Philadelphia Jewish Federation, Philadelphia, PA
 Funding allowed for the study of Jewish art history and creation of works in response to the current state of Israel.

SELECTED MEDIA:

Editor of **First Cut Magazine: A Publication of the Guild of American Papercutters**, October 2017-Present.

Jenkins, Mark. **"Review | In the Galleries: Rosa Leff"** *The Washington Post*, WP Company, 6 Nov. 2020, www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/museums/art-gallery-shows-dc/2020/11/05/b43111ce-1c77-11eb-90dd-abd0f7086a91_story.html.

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Harmon, Patti. **"Sarah Lawrence Alumni Magazine."** *Sarah Lawrence Alumni Magazine*, 2020, p. 61. <https://www.sarahlawrence.edu/magazine/mind-the-gap/alumni/gallery.html>.

Jenkins, Mark. **"Review | In the Galleries: Places In Paper."** *The Washington Post*, WP Company, 28 Nov. 2019, www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/museums/in-the-galleries-at-american-university-museum-a-world-of-atmosphere/2019/11/27/1f8ddf88-0f9a-11ea-9cd7-a1becbc82f5e_story.html.

Maiorano, Grace. **"New Exhibition at Paradigm Explores the Possibility of Paper."** *South Philly Review*, 29 Apr. 2019, southphillyreview.com/2019/04/29/new-exhibition-at-paradigm-explores-the-possibility-of-paper/.

Krysa, Danielle. **"pa-per {a group show}."** *The Jealous Curator* /// *Curated Contemporary Art*, 23 Apr. 2019, www.thejealouscurator.com/blog/.

Sierzputowski, Kate. **"Imitation China Plates and Layered Cut Paper Animals Explore the Sculptural Potential of Paper in a New Exhibition at Paradigm Gallery."** *Colossal*, 19 Apr. 2019, www.thisiscolossal.com/2019/04/paper-paradigm-gallery/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A%2Bcolossal%2B%28Colossal%29.

Roach, Imani. **"Rosa Leff Talks About Contemporary Cut Paper."** *Artblog*, 11 Nov. 2018, <https://www.theartblog.org/2018/11/rosa-leff-talks-about-contemporary-cut-paper/>.

Leff, Rosa. **"In Reflection."** <https://www.thepaulreview.com/>, PAUL: Philadelphia Arts and Urban Literary Review, 1 Apr. 2017, www.thepaulreview.com/.

Laudenslager, Evan Paul. **"Landscapes of Shadow and Line."** *Artblog*, 9 July 2016, www.theartblog.org/2016/07/landscapes-of-shadow-and-line-rosa-leffs-papercuts-at-boston-street-gallery/.

SELECTED CLASSES, PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS:

2021	Papercut Cityscapes , Creative Alliance, Baltimore, MD, <i>Upcoming</i>
2021	Papercut Cityscapes , Chestertown RiverArts, Chestertown, MD, <i>Upcoming</i>
2021	Introduction to Papercutting , The Soapbox, Philadelphia, PA
2021	Fine (Paper) China: An Online Cut Paper Workshop , Pyramid Atlantic Art Center, Hyattsville, MD
2020	Guest Lecturer , 2D Foundations, Tyler School of Art and Architecture, Philadelphia, PA
2020	Papercutting with Shavuot Themes , Jewish Communities of Vermont 2020 Summit.
2020	Papercutting Workshop for The Delaplaine Arts Center , Online
2020	Papercutting: The Year Of The Rat , Macy's Metro Center, Washington, D.C.
2019	Artist Talk , InSquare Gallery, Baltimore, MD.
2019	Papercutting for Beginners , InSquare Gallery, Baltimore, MD
2018	Artist Talk , The Art League Gallery, The Torpedo Factory, Alexandria, VA
2018	Artist Talk & Demo , High Five Gallery
2018	CraftNOW , Workshop Instructor, The Kimmel Center
2018-2019	Paper Art , Course Instructor, Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy
2018	Cutting Urban Landscapes , Workshop Instructor, The Portland Collection: Conference of The Guild of American Paper Cutters
2016	Artist Talk , James Oliver Gallery

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

2020	Member, Women's Caucus for Art, National Organization
2019- Present	Member, Xianyang Papercutters Association, Xianyang, China
2019- Present	Member, Gallery 75, Alexandria, VA
2019- 2020	Member, 'Torpedo Factory Artists' Association, Alexandria, VA
2018- Present	Vice President of Digital Communications, Guild of American Papercutters, Somerset, PA
2018- Present	Member, The Art League, Alexandria, VA
2017- Present	Member, Guild of American Papercutters, Somerset, PA