

For my Creative Response to LFS 490, I decided to make a multimedia sculpture piece. I decided to make this sculpture out of materials that I already had lying around my house. The sculpture piece is meant to represent my mental learning journey throughout this course.

The foundation of the sculpture is the box. The box is made up of cardboard and paint. The box is meant to represent my mindset going into this course. I was looking for silver-bullet solutions that could be applied to the system within the house that modernity built. Furthermore, I was looking for solutions that would allow us to maintain our current capitalist lifestyle, rather than questioning if this should be something we want to uphold. My mindset often sorted solutions as either “good” or “bad”, thus the black and white colours, as well as the sharp lined design.

Going into this course I was aware of many of the uncomfortable issues of our current system. However, I would have labeled myself as an avoider; I did not know a way to sit with what I already knew, and would prefer not to know. Many of these issues are unsolvable. However, as has been covered in this course, that does not mean that they should not be engaged with.

Breaking out of the box is the realizations and feelings I have experienced during this course. These feelings were made out of industrial spray sealant and paint. The feelings are bubbling out as my beliefs around the wonder of the house of modernity are breaking away. I used bright, loud colours since many of the feelings and realizations I experienced in these past few weeks have also been loud and jarring. I mottled the colours together to represent how everything is interconnected, and how solutions are not as simple to implement as we would like to believe. Nothing in life exists on its own; any decision that's made will ripple out and affect others. Therefore, there will never be a perfect solution.

I am still working on processing the things that I already know. That is why the box has not been completely overtaken by the blobs of colour. However, I feel that this class has assisted me in gaining the fortitude to be able to continue on this unlearning journey.







