Out of the Box Scholarship

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The piece is entitled "Out of the Box Scholarship." It features (on the scholar’s shirt) a goat with its head out of a box. The painting is meant to suggest that as scholars we all need to think differently. I use goats as a metaphor for how traditional notions and research in and about literacy continues to dupe us as well as why it is we need to take a critical stance. The piece is framed with side margins running along the left and at an angle at the base to disrupt traditional notions of artistic presentation.

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