

**BURNING BEHIND BARS:
THE 'CRUEL AND UNUSUAL' PUNISHMENT
OF CLIMATE CAS**

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Abstract

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Introduction

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Elliott Williams, prisoner at Mark W. Michael Unit in Texas

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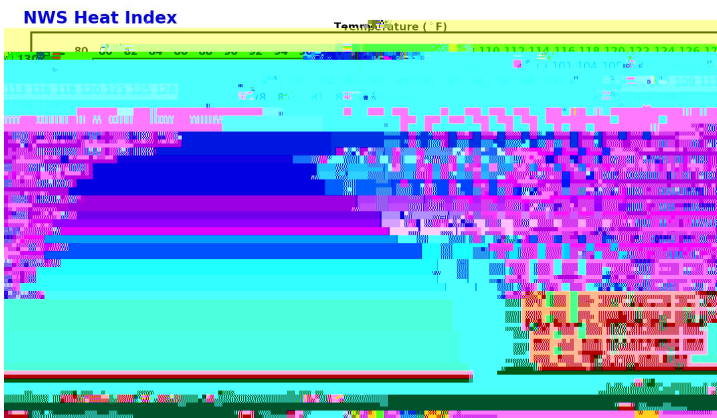
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Climate Change & Heat

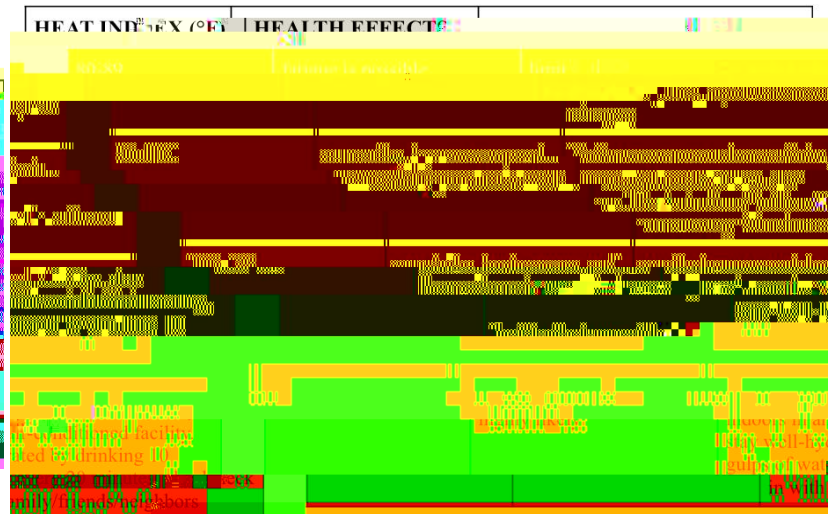
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Incarceration in Texas: “Cruel and Unusual”?

Literature Review

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Penitentiary Features & Infrastructure Incompatible with Heat Mitigation

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No Rights, No Transparency, No Accountability: The Failing Prison System

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Case Study of *Cole v. Collier*

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Keith Cole, inmate at the Wallace Pack Unit

The Wallace Pack Unit (WPU)

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Inmate	Age	# of Years Incarcerated	Health Conditions	Medications	Symptoms Aggravated by Heat	Key Testimony
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**Dean Anthony
Mojica**

Michael Denton

Carlos Huerta

2. Corrections Officer Incompetence

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Opportunities for Future Research

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Recommendations

Mass Decarceration

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Phase Out Obsolete Penitentiaries & Construct Sustainable and Climate Resilient Institutions

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Establish “Heat Monitoring Committees”

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Streamline Inmates' Filing of Grievances

Conclusion

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II. Glossary of Key Terms

Acclimatization

Bill of Rights

Class Certification

Climate Change

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Climate Resilience

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Compassionate Release

Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT)

Environmental Justice (EJ)

GRC

Environmental Racism

Evidentiary Hearing

also known as (national origin) ~~also known as~~ paexaMRMMMg &dg orta

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Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC)

Heatwave

Hyperthermia

Three-Strikes-Law

United Nations' Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT)

United Nations' Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)

United Nations' Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (SMRs) (the Nelson Mandela Rules)

Urban Heat Island

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VII. Custodial Death Report Form

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Suffix	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable



Name	Party	Role
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Ron Brown		
Frank Traknyak		
Dr. Michael Honeycutt		
Dr. Heidi Bojes		
Bryan Carney		