

## **Mr. James W. Mills**

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### **Education**

MAIS, The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College, 2000.  
Major: History

BA, The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College, 1996.  
Major: History

### **Employment History**

#### **Academic - Post-Secondary**

Lecturer II, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. (September 2021 - Present).

Lecturer I, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. (September 1, 2015 - August 30, 2021).

Senior Lecturer, The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College. (January 2014 - August 31, 2015).

Dean of Humanities, Texas Southmost College. (June 1, 2013 - January 12, 2014).

(Occasional) Acting Chair - History Department, The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College. (2003 - 2012).

### **Licensures and Certifications**

Certificate of Completion - Blackboard Advanced, Center for Online Learning and Teaching Technology. (August 4, 2020 - Present).

Independent Applying the QM Rubric (APPQMR), Quality Matters. (May 29, 2020 - Present).

Certificate of Completion - BlackBoard Basics, Center for Online Learning and Teaching Technology. (April 28, 2020 - Present).

Certificate of Completion - Blackboard Intermediate, Center for Online Learning and Teaching Technology. (April 28, 2020 - Present).

### **Awards and Honors**

Certificate of Appreciation for Service Learning, UTB Center for Civic Engagement. (April 8, 2015).

UTB 15 Year Service Award, UT Brownsville. (August 22, 2014).

Certificate of Appreciation: Service Learning, UTB Center for Civic Engagement. (April 23, 2014).

Mary Faye Barnes Award for Excellence in Community History Projects, Texas Oral History Association. (May 12, 2012).

Tenure and Promotion, UTB/TSC. (September 1, 2010).

Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award, The University of Texas System. (August 18, 2009).

Exceptional Merit, University of Texas at Brownsville/ Texas Southmost College. (September 1, 2008).

Exceptional Merit, UTB/TSC. (September 1, 2008).

Chancellor's Council Teaching Excellence Award, University of Texas at Brownsville/ Texas Southmost College. (May 10, 2008).

A.S.P.I.R.E. Teaching Award, University of Texas at Brownsville/ Texas Southmost College. (May 10, 2005).

Who's Who Among America's Teachers, Educational Communities, Inc. (November 4, 2004).

NISOD National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development, National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development. (May 10, 2004).

SSSP/ASPIRE 6th Annual Faculty Appreciation Award, UTB/TSC. (April 10, 2003).

Master Tutor Certification, College Reading and Learning Association. (May 15, 1997).

PHI ALPHA THETA, American Honor Society. (May 15, 1997).

## **Professional Memberships**

member, Brownsville Historical Association. (February 2021 - Present).

Member, Brownsville Historical Association. (May 9, 2023 - May 9, 2024).

member, Texas State Historical Association. (December 6, 2022 - December 15, 2023).

member, Texas State Historical Association. (December 6, 2022 - December 6, 2023).

Board of Directors, Brownsville Historical Association. (1999 - 2017).

Board of Directors - Secretary, South Texas Historical Association. (January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016).

Membership, Descendants of Mexican War Veterans. (2008 - 2012).

Membership, South Texas Historical Association. (2006 - 2010).

Membership, Texas State Historical Association. (2002 - 2010).

Membership, Historic Brownsville Museum Association. (1999 - 2009).

Membership, Santa Ana and Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge. (2001 - 2003).

Membership, New England Antiquities Research Association. (2000 - 2002).

Membership, Gladys Porter Zoo. (1996 - 2002).

## **Development Activities Attended**

Continuing Education Program, "A Vision and Strategic Roadmap for Integrating Teaching, Research, and Service at UTRGV," Center for Teaching Excellence, Edinburg, Texas, USA. (April 12, 2024).

Continuing Education Program, "'Ban the Burn:' The Trans-Local Struggle Against Ocean Incineration.," UTRGV School of Interdisciplinary Programs, Department of History, Department of Sociology, Brownsville, Texas, USA. (April 2, 2024).

Continuing Education Program, "Beyond Grades: The Power of Feedback in Learning," UTRGV Center for Teaching Excellence, Edinburg, Texas, USA. (March 29, 2024).

Continuing Education Program, "COLLT Meaningful Feedback Session," COLLT, Edinburg, TX, U S. (November 17, 2023).

Continuing Education Program, "Soul of the Tehuana Textile Exhibit," Brownsville Historical Association, United States. (September 15, 2023).

Webinar, "Texas Talks - Fires, Floods, Explosions and Bloodshed: A History of Texas Whiskey," Texas State Historical Association (TSHA), Austin, Texas, United States. (August 15, 2023).

Webinar, "'Sick for Freedom: The Untold Story of the Smallpox Epidemic among Formerly Enslaved People during the Civil War and Reconstruction.," CHAPS, College of Liberal Arts, and UTRGV UT Health, Edinburg, TX, United States. (August 2, 2023).

Continuing Education Program, "Texas Talks - East Texas Troubles: The Allred Rangers Cleanup of San Augustine," Texas State Historical Association, Austin, Texas, USA. (July 18, 2023).

Continuing Education Program, "Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts," Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts, Little Rock, Arkansas, United States. (June 27, 2023).

Continuing Education Program, "ChatGPT Solutions with McGraw Hill Connect and Proctorio," McGraw Hill, New York, New York, United States. (May 25, 2023).

Continuing Education Program, "'The Texas Sports Revolution.," Humanities Texas, Austin, Texas, United States. (May 24, 2023).

Continuing Education Program, "South to Freedom: Runaway Slaves to Mexico and the Road to the Civil War," Texas State Historical Association, Austin, Texas, United States of America. (May 16, 2023).

Continuing Education Program, "'One More Thing Before You Go!' What Teaching First-Year Students Has Taught Us.," UTRGV - Center for Teaching Excellence, Edinburg, Texas, USA. (May 3, 2023).

Continuing Education Program, "Taking a Human-Centered Approach in Medium and Large In-Person Classes," CampusKnot, Starkville, Mississippi, United States of America. (April 21, 2023).

Continuing Education Program, "Using Some Fab Four's Song Titles to Reflect on Relationship-Building and Pedagogy," Center for Teaching Excellence, Brownsville, United States. (April 19, 2023).

Webinar, "Making Space For Women," Texas State Historical Association, Austin, Texas, United States. (March 21, 2023).

Continuing Education Program, "Human Rights Violations and Indigenous Lives in Brazil," UTRGV Anthropology Department, Edinburg, TX, United States. (March 9, 2023).

Continuing Education Program, "An Unhealthy Obsession: Understanding Russian Views of Ukraine," Rondel Davidson Endowed Lecture Series, Edinburg, TX, United States. (February 9, 2023).

Continuing Education Program, "Culturally Responsive Teaching: Finding Your Way and Cultivating Community," W. W. Norton & Company, Inc., New York, New York, United States. (February 8, 2023).

Webinar, ""Not Just Another Reading Assignment. Active Reading Strategies to Engage your Students"," Center for Teaching Excellence, TX, United States. (December 13, 2022).

Continuing Education Program, "The Battles of Palo Alto and Resaca de la Palma," Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park, Brownsville, TX, United States. (October 26, 2022).

Webinar, "Your Courses and the Community," UTRGV Center for Teaching Excellence, Brownsville, TX, United States. (March 8, 2022).

Webinar, "UTRGV Distinguished Speaker Series - Lana Condor," UTRGV Alumni and Friends, Edinburg, TX, United States. (March 2, 2022).

Webinar, "The Shattering: America in the 1960's with Professor Kevin Boyle," W. W. Norton & Company, New York, New York, United States. (March 1, 2022).

Webinar, "Of Fear and Strangers: A History of Xenophobia with George Makari," W. W. Norton, New York, New York, United States. (February 15, 2022).

Webinar, "Distinguished Speaker Series: An Evening with COMMON," The Distinguished Speaker Series, Student Activities, UTRGV, Brownsville, TX, United States. (February 1, 2022).

Webinar, "One Day University Lecturer Series: Thoreau, Emerson, and Walden Pond," AARP American Association of Retired People, Washington, D. C., United States. (November 17, 2021).

Continuing Education Program, "Distinguished Speaker Series at UTRGV presents John Quiones," UTRGV Distinguished Speaker Series, Brownsville, TX, United States. (September 21, 2021).

Continuing Education Program, "Summer Speaker Series: Riverboat Trade," Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park, Brownsville, TX, United States. (June 19, 2021).

Faculty Internship, "UTRGV's First Year Student Academy," The Center for Teaching Excellence and Student Success, Brownsville, TX, United States. (May 18, 2021 - May 27, 2021).

Continuing Education Program, "175th Anniversary of the Battle of Palo Alto," Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park, Brownsville, TX, United States. (May 8, 2021).

Colloquium, "The End of the Cold War Order in East Asia: The Death of Chiang Kai-shek and Japan-Taiwan Relations," The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Brownsville, TX, United States. (April 15, 2021).

Webinar, "Digital Futures: Career Paths for Humanities Scholars: Presented by Kim Kutz Elliott,

- Ph.D.," CHAPS University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, TX, United States. (April 14, 2021).
- Webinar, "2021 UT System Academy of Distinguished Teachers' Conference on Teaching in Texas," The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX, United States. (April 9, 2021).
- Webinar, "2021 UT System Academy of Distinguished Teachers' Conference on Teaching in Texas," The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, United States. (April 7, 2021).
- Webinar, "Two Suns of the Southwest: Lyndon Johnson, Barry Goldwater, and the 1964 Battle Between Liberalism and Conservatism," UTRGV Rondel Davidson Endowed Lecture Series, Brownsville, TX, United States. (March 25, 2021).
- Continuing Education Program, "Terry Crews - Distinguished Lecturer," UTRGV, Brownsville, TX, United States. (February 8, 2021).
- Webinar, "Dr. Elizabeth Varon - Armies of Deliverance: A New History of the Civil War," Oxford University Press, New York, New York, United States. (October 30, 2020).
- Webinar, "La Malinche According to the Indians," Rondel Davidson Endowed Lecture - UTRGV History Department, Brownsville, TX, United States. (October 27, 2020).
- Workshop, "Engaging Student-Faculty and Student-Student Interactions in Online Classes," CTE - Center for Teaching Excellence (UTRGV), Brownsville, TX, United States. (October 27, 2020).
- Workshop, "Quality Matters - Independent Applying the QM Rubric (APPQMR)," COLTT - UTRGV, Brownsville, Texas, United States. (May 12, 2020 - May 26, 2020).
- Webinar, "Online Course Delivery," COLTT - UTRGV, Brownsville, Texas, United States. (May 13, 2020).
- Webinar, "Collaborate Ultra Handouts," COLTT - UTRGV, Brownsville, Texas, United States. (May 11, 2020).
- Webinar, "Panopto," COLTT - UTRGV, Brownsville, Texas, United States. (May 11, 2020).
- Webinar, "COLTT Blackboard Intermediate Training," UTRGV, Brownsville, Texas, United States. (April 28, 2020).
- Webinar, "Blackboard Basic Training," COLTT - UTRGV, Brownsville, Texas, United States. (April 22, 2020).
- Webinar, "The Black Death and Lessons for Today during the COVID-19 Pandemic," Oxford University Press. (April 17, 2020).
- Workshop, "CTE - Challenging Mainstream Narratives: Teaching Gender, Sexuality, and the Body in Introductory Classes," UTRGV, Brownsville, Texas, United States. (February 21, 2020).
- Workshop, "Fostering a Positive Faculty-Student Relationship in the Classroom," UTRGV, Brownsville, Texas, United States. (January 15, 2020).
- Workshop, "Teaching Diversity - Diverse Teaching: Being Aware of Identities in the Classroom," Center for Teaching Excellence, Brownsville, TX, United States. (November 15, 2019).
- Workshop, "Designing a Flipped Classroom," Center for Teaching Excellence (UTRGV), Brownsville, Texas, United States. (November 14, 2019).

Workshop, "Using Feedback to Improve Teaching," UTRGV - Center for Teaching Excellence, Brownsville, Texas, United States. (November 1, 2019).

Workshop, "Engagement Reflection Journals: Encouraging Students to Self-Assess Learning and Engagement," Center for Teaching Excellence (UTRGV), Brownsville, Texas, United States. (October 24, 2019).

Continuing Education Program, "13th Annual Rio Grande Delta International Archaeology Fair," (CHAPS) Community Historical Archaeology Project with Schools, Brownsville, Texas, United States. (October 19, 2019).

Continuing Education Program, "Fortaleza El Coyotepe. Masaya, Nicaragua," Fortaleza El Coyotepe, Masaya, Nicaragua, Masaya, Masaya, Nicaragua. (July 12, 2019).

Workshop, "Improving Peer Observation of Teaching through Formative Feedback from Students," UTRGV - CTE, Brownsville, Texas, United States. (July 2, 2019).

Workshop, "FLIPPING the Initial and Final Minutes of Class!," UTRGV, Brownsville, Texas, United States. (June 20, 2019).

Workshop, "Structuring Your Summer Class to Make Learning STICK," UTRGV Training Services, Brownsville, Texas, United States. (May 14, 2019).

Workshop, "Dynamic Lecturing: Capturing Attention," UTRGV Training Services, Brownsville, Texas, United States. (February 28, 2019).

Continuing Education Program, "Classroom Technology Training," UTRGV Training Services, Brownsville, Texas, United States of America. (January 10, 2019).

Continuing Education Program, "The Rio Grande Delta International Archaeology Fair," Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Park, Brownsville, TX, United States. (October 6, 2018).

Continuing Education Program, "Applying Active Learning Methods To Facilitate Engaged Learning," UTRGV, Brownsville, Texas, United States of America. (October 4, 2018).

Continuing Education Program, "'A Piece of my Soul: Quilts by Black Arkansans.'," Old State House Museum, Little Rock, Arkansas, United States. (August 15, 2018).

Continuing Education Program, "Cabinet of Curiosities: Treasures from the University of Arkansas Museum Collection," Old State House Museum, Little Rock, Arkansas, United States. (August 15, 2018).

Continuing Education Program, "Naval Museum Secretary of the Navy of Mexico," Naval Museum Secretary of the Navy of Mexico, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico. (July 16, 2018).

Continuing Education Program, "El Nino Fidencio and the Fidencistas," Historic Brownsville Museum, Brownsville, Texas, United States. (April 22, 2017).

Continuing Education Program, "'Ladies and Gentlemen: The Beatles!'," William J. Clinton Presidential Library, Little Rock, Arkansas, United States. (March 13, 2017).

Workshop, "Palmito Ranch Battlefield Preservation Public Workshop," American Battlefield Protection Program National Park Service, Brownsville, Texas, United States. (January 11, 2017).

Continuing Education Program, "San Francisco Monastery Museum," San Francisco Monastery

- Museum, Granada, Nicaragua. (January 2, 2017).
- Continuing Education Program, "The Mexican Revolution and Pancho Villa," Roy F. & Joann Mitte Cultural Education Center, Brownsville, TEXAS, United States. (November 14, 2016).
- Continuing Education Program, "The History of Native Tribes at Parkin Archeological State Park," Old State House Museum, Little Rock, Arkansas, United States. (August 11, 2016).
- Conference Attendance, "A history of Panna Maria, Texas," South Texas Historical Association, Kingsville, TEXAS, United States. (April 30, 2016).
- Workshop, "General Faculty Development: Planning for a Productive Summer," UTRGV, Brownsville, Texas, United States. (April 28, 2016).
- Continuing Education Program, "History of Historic Mansions in Granada, Nicaragua," History/Tourist Organization, Granada, Nicaragua, Granada, Granada, Nicaragua. (March 15, 2016).
- Continuing Education Program, "A Historic Tour of the U.S.S. Texas battleship," Texas Parks & Wildlife, Houston, TEXAS, United States. (February 28, 2016).
- Continuing Education Program, "San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site," Texas Parks & Wildlife, Houston, TEXAS, United States. (February 28, 2016).
- Continuing Education Program, "Historical Tour of Cozumel, Mexico," Private Tour Company of Cozumel, Mexico, Cozumel, Quintana Roo, Mexico. (December 24, 2015).
- Continuing Education Program, "Houston Museum of Natural Science, Houston, Texas," Houston Museum of Natural Science, Houston, TEXAS, United States. (June 15, 2015).
- Workshop, ""Assessment"," Dr. Barbara Walvoord. (January 2013).
- Conference Attendance, "College Readiness Faculty Collaborative Symposium," Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Arlington, TX, United States. (April 2009).
- Conference Attendance, "South Texas Historical Association biannual conference," South Texas Historical Association, Raymondville, TX, United States. (November 1, 2008).
- Conference Attendance, "Revolution and Texas History," Texas State Historical Association, Corpus Christi, TX, United States. (March 6, 2008 - March 8, 2008).
- Conference Attendance, "Archaeology of Spanish Colonial Sites in Victoria County," Texas State Historical Association, San Antonio, TX, United States. (March 8, 2007 - March 10, 2007).
- Conference Attendance, "South Texas Historical Association 53rd Annual Fall meeting," South Texas Historical Association, Port Isabel, TX, United States. (November 14, 2006).
- Conference Attendance, "Texas Oil: The Last Half Century," Texas State Historical Association, Austin, TX, United States. (March 2, 2006 - March 4, 2006).

## **TEACHING**

### **Teaching Experience**

#### **The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley**

HIST 1301, U.S. History I, 41 courses.

HIST 1302, U.S. History II, 41 courses.  
HIST 1387, U.S. History I HON, 1 course.  
HIST 1388, U.S. History II HON, 1 course.  
HIST 4392, Special Topics in US History, 3 courses.

### **The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College**

HIST 1301, United States to 1877, 21 courses.  
HIST 1302, United States Since 1877, 20 courses.  
HIST 2301, Texas History, 1 course.  
HIST 3340, Texas History, 4 courses.  
HIST 4320, Advanced Topics in American History, 1 course.

### **Non-Credit Instruction**

Review Course, Learning Enrichment Center - "Summer Bridge" Program, 10 participants. (June 2012 - July 2012).

Review Course, Brownsville Independent School District, 12 participants. (June 2007).

### **Directed Student Learning**

Undergraduate Supervised Research, "French Born Settlers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, 1821-1900: Immigration, Influence, Integration, and Identity," History (UTB), HIST, (May 2011)  
Oliver Schouteden

## **RESEARCH**

### **Published Intellectual Contributions**

#### **Book Review**

Mills, J. (2012). *On the Prairie of Palo Alto: Historical Archaeology of the U.S.-Mexican War Battlefield*. Denton, Texas: Military History of the West, University of North Texas. 1 West University Blvd.

Mills, J. (2012). *Tejanos in Grey: Civil War Letters of Captains Joseph de la Garza and Manuel Yturri*. Nacogdoches, Texas: East Texas Historical Association. 1 West University Blvd.

#### **Book, Chapter in Scholarly Book-New**

Mills, J. W. (2021). A Brief Look at Citizen Opportunists in the Matamoros area during the U.S.-Mexico War, 1846-1848. In Kearney, Knopp, Zavaleta, Knight (Ed.), *Recent Studies in Rio Grande Valley History* (vol. Eighteen, pp. 61-74).

Mills, J. W. (2017). Jose Agustin Quintero y Woodville: Confederate Special Agent. In Milo Kearney, Anthony Knopp, Antonio Zavaleta, Thomas Daniel Knight (Ed.), *Supplementary Studies in Rio Grande Valley History* (vol. Fifteen, pp. 189-205). Edinburg, Texas: The UT Rio Grande Valley Regional History Series: The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

Mills, J. (2016). Antonio Canales Rosillo. In Milo Kearney, Anthony Knopp, Antonio Zavaleta, Thomas Daniel Knight (Ed.), *Extra Studies in Rio Grande Valley History* (vol. Fourteen, pp. 47-60). Edinburg, Texas: The UT Rio Grande Valley Regional History Series: The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. 1 West University Blvd.



- Mills, J. W. (2016). The United States Military Occupation of Matamoros, Mexico, 1846-1848. Yes, In *Globalyceum American History*. Saratoga, California: Global Lyceum, Inc..  
www.globalyceum.com/site/my\_content
- Mills, J. W. (2015). Clarksville: A Forgotten Community on the Rio Grande. In Milo Kearney, Anthony Knopp, Antonio Zavaleta, Thomas Daniel Knight (Ed.), *Yet More Studies in Rio Grande Valley History* (vol. Thirteen, pp. 141-149). Brownsville, Texas: The University of Texas at Brownsville.
- Mills, J. W. (2011). Memories of Fort Brown: A Look at the Economic and Social Relationship between Fort Brown and the Surrounding Community through Primary Accounts of the 1930s to 1944. In Milo Kearney, Anthony Knopp, Antonio Zavaleta (Ed.), *Ongoing Studies in Rio Grande Valley History* (vol. Ten, pp. 159-186). Brownsville, Texas: The Texas Center for Border and Transnational Studies.
- Mills, J. W. (2008). A Brief Look at the Political Career of Ygnacio "Nacho" Garza. In Milo Kearney, Anthony Knopp, Antonio Zavaleta (Ed.), *Additional Studies in Rio Grande Valley History* (vol. Eight, pp. 283-293). Brownsville, Texas: UTB/TSC Regional History Series.
- Mills, J. W. (2008). Remembering the Tandys. In Milo Kearney, Anthony Knopp, Antonio Zavaleta (Ed.), *Additional Studies in Rio Grande Valley History* (vol. Volume Eight, pp. 521-524). Brownsville, TX: The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College.
- Mills, J. W. (2005). Mayor and Commissioner Henry Gonzalez. In Milo Kearney, Anthony Knopp, Antonio Zavaleta (Ed.), *Studies in Rio Grande Valley History* (vol. Volume Six, pp. 275-281). Brownsville, Texas: The UTB/TSC Regional History Studies: The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College.
- Mills, J. W. (1999). Dr. Bennie Walthall Interviewed by Mr. James W. Mills. In William L. Adams (Ed.), *Valley Vets: An Oral History of World War II Veterans of the Lower Rio Grande Valley* (pp. 113-117). Brownsville: Eakin Press.
- Mills, J. W. (1997). Jim Mills: From West Texas Farmer to South Texas Mayor. In Milo Kearney, Anthony Knopp, Antonio Zavaleta (Ed.), *Studies in Matamoros and Cameron County History* (pp. 185-194). Brownsville, Texas: The UTB/TSC Regional History Studies: The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College.

#### **Book, Edited-New**

- Mills, J. W. (2012). In James W Mills (Ed.), *Memories of Fort Brown and Other Select Interviews: an Oral History Project* (pp. 1-162). Brownsville, Texas: Border Press.
- Mills, J. W. (2007). In James W Mills (Ed.), *Documenting the American Past: Volume One, Custom Edition for UTB/TSC* (1st ed., vol. One, pp. 1-272). Mason, Ohio: Cengage Learning.
- Mills, J. W. (2007). In James W Mills (Ed.), *Documenting the American Past: Volume Two, Custom Edition for UTB/TSC* (vol. Two, pp. 1-195). Mason, Ohio: Thomson Custom Solutions.

#### **Journal Article, Academic Journal**

- Mills, J. W. (2009). The Arkansas Volunteers in the Mexican War: Their Participation, Their Controversy, Their History. *Descendants of Mexican War Veterans*, 18, No. 2, 19-50.
- Mills, J. W. (2009). Irregulars: Guerrilla and Ranchero Warfare in South Texas and Northern Mexico during the Mexican-American War. *Journal of South Texas*, 22(1), 1-20.

Mills, J. W. (2007). The United States Military Occupation of Matamoros, Mexico, 1846-1848. *Journal of South Texas, Volume 20*(No. 2), 268-279.

### **Newsletter**

Mills, J. W. (2018). *Remembering the Snake King* (1st ed., vol. 4, pp. Page 2). Brownsville: BHA Banner Newsletter: Brownsville Historical Association. [www.brownsvillehistory.org](http://www.brownsvillehistory.org)

Mills, J. (2017). *Brownsville World War II Veterans* (4th ed., vol. 3, pp. 1-3). Brownsville, Texas: BHA Banner Newsletter: Brownsville Historical Association. [www.brownsvillehistory.org](http://www.brownsvillehistory.org)

Mills, J. W. (2017). *Rio Viejo Subdivision* (2nd ed., vol. 3, pp. 2-4). Brownsville, Texas: BHA Banner Newsletter: Brownsville Historical Association. [www.brownsvillehistory.org](http://www.brownsvillehistory.org)

Mills, J. W. (2016). The Coming of the Railroad. *BHA Banner Newsletter* (Issue 3 ed., vol. 2, pp. 1, 3). Brownsville: Brownsville Historical Association. [www.brownsvillehistory.org](http://www.brownsvillehistory.org)

mills, j. (2016). *The Coahuiltecan Indians* (4th ed., vol. 2, pp. 1). Brownsville: BHA Banner Newsletter. [www.brownsvillehistory.org](http://www.brownsvillehistory.org)

mills, J. (2016). *Remembering Fort Brown* (2nd ed., vol. 2, pp. 1). Brownsville, Texas: Brownsville Historical Association: B A Banner Newsletter.

Mills, J. W. (2008). *Charles Stillman: Entrepreneur, Adventurer, and Founder of Brownsville, Texas*. (Issue 4 ed., vol. Volume 26, pp. 2-6). Brownsville, Texas: Brownsville Historical Association.

### **Regular Column in Journal or Newspaper**

Mills, J. W. (2014). Bagdad. *Hooked on the Rio Grande Valley's Outdoor Scene*.

Mills, J. W. (2014). A Brief Look at the Brownsville/ Matamoros Cotton Trade During the Civil War. *Hooked on the Rio Grande Valley's Outdoor Scene*, 12.

Mills, J. W. (2014). Santos Benavides. *Hooked on the Rio Grande Valley's Outdoor Scene*, 10.

Mills, J. W. (2014). Charles Stillman. *Hooked on the Rio Grande Valley's Outdoor Scene*.

Mills, J. W. (2014). The United States - Mexican War, 1846-1848. *Hooked on the Rio Grande Valley's Outdoor Scene*.

Mills, J. W. (2014). Charro Days. *Hooked on the Rio Grande Valley's Outdoor Scene*.

Mills, J. W. (2014). A Brief History of the Valley. *Hooked RGV magazine*, 4.

### **Software, Instructional**

Mills, J. W. (2008). *Self-guided History Walking Tours of Downtown Brownsville, Texas*. Brownsville, Texas: Brownsville Historical Association.

### **Written Case with Instructional Material**

Mills, J. (2012). Instructors Resource Manual. *American Passages: Brief Fourth Edition Volumes I & II* (vol. I). Boston, Massachusetts: Wadsworth Cengage Learning (2012). 1 West University Blvd.

### **Artistic and Professional Performances and Exhibits**

Mills, J. W. "Redbeard of the Rio Grande," Math & Science Academy, Dr. Milo Kearney, Brownsville, TX. U.S.A. (May 2, 2008 - May 3, 2008).

## Presentations Given

Mills, J. W., (December 6, 2022). *History/Memories of Fort Brown*, HIST 1301 UTRGV in Interdisciplinary Academic Building, Room 1.220.

Mills, J. W., (November 29, 2016). *Memories of Fort Brown*, Alpha Delta Kappa/ Texas Delta Eta Chapter Alpha Delta Kappa in Brownsville, TX.

Mills, J. W., (August 5, 2016). *The Brownsville Raid*, 110th Anniversary of the Brownsville Raid Brownsville Historical Association in Brownsville, Texas.

Mills, J. W., (November 6, 2015). *The Brownsville - Matamoros Cotton Trade during the U.S. Civil War*, Civil War - South Texas The South Texas Historical Association in Brownsville.

Mills, J. W., (November 6, 2015). *Texas and the Cotton Trade during the Civil War, 1861-1865*, Civil War in the Rio Grande Valley The South Texas Historical Association in Brownsville, Texas.

Mills, J. W., (May 28, 2015). *The U.S. - Mexican War, Fort Polk*, Lecture Series Museums of Port Isabel in Port Isabel, TX.

Mills, J. W., (July 25, 2014). *Memories of Fort Brown and Other Select Interviews: an Oral History Project*, A Book Signing by James W. Mills Historic Brownsville Museum in Brownsville, TX.

Mills, J. W., (April 5, 2014). *"A Brief Look at the Brownsville/ Matamoros Cotton Trade during the Civil War*, Civil War Park Day National Park Service in Palo Alto Battlefield Historical Park.

Mills, J. W., (January 12, 2014). *Memories of Fort Brown and Other Select Interviews: an Oral History Project*, Book Signing Paragraphs at Padre Boulevard Bookstore in South Padre Island.

Mills, J. W., (December 5, 2013). *"A Brief History of Rio Viejo."*, Rio Viejo Subdivision re-zoning Planning and Zoning Commission of Brownsville, TX. in City Hall, Brownsville, TX.

Mills, J. W., (December 3, 2013). *John Salmon "RIP" Ford: South Texas Legend*, Civil War Personalities along the Rio Grande Sons of Confederate Veterans in Harlingen, TX.

Mills, J. W., (June 8, 2012). *Sectionalism and Civil War*, Shaping the American Republic to 1877, Summer Institute for Texas Teachers Humanities Texas in The University of Texas at Brownsville.

Mills, J. W., (April 21, 2012). *The Battle of San Jacinto*, 176th Anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto: the final battle of the Texas Revolution Weslaco Museum in Weslaco, TX.

Mills, J. W., (April 18, 2012). *Memories of Fort Brown and Other Select Interviews: an Oral History Project*, University Libraries Present: Book Signing UTB/TSC in Arnulfo L. Oliveira Library- University Archives and Special Collections.

Mills, J. W., (March 14, 2012). *Memories of Fort Brown: A Brief History of Interaction Between the Surrounding Communities of Brownsville, TX. and Matamoros, Mexico, 1846-1944.*, Memories of Fort Brown The Rotary Club of Brownsville (Established in 1916) in Valley Inn and Country Club, Brownsville, TX.

- Mills, J. W., (February 12, 2012). *Memories of Fort Brown and Other Select Interviews: an Oral History Project*, Book Signing Brownsville Historical Association in Brownsville, Texas.
- Mills, J. W., (January 16, 2012). *Memories of Fort Brown: A Look at the Economic and Social Relationship between Fort Brown and the Surrounding Community through Primary Accounts of the 1930s to 1944.*, Fort Brown presented by Jim Mills North Brownsville Rotary Club in Brownsville, Texas.
- Mills, J. W., (September 10, 2011). *Arkansas Volunteers in the U.S. - Mexican War*, Texas History Weslaco Museum in Weslaco, TX.
- Mills, J. W., (March 2011). *the U.S. Mexican War (1846-1848) with focus on the Battle of Palo Alto and importance of South Texas*, Expert of the Month UTB/TSC in Brownsville.
- Mills, J. W., (May 9, 2009). *The U.S. Mexican War*, 163rd anniversary of the Battle of Resaca de la palma Daughters of the American Revolution in Brownsville, Texas.
- Mills, J. W., (March 2, 2008). *Signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence*, 172nd anniversary of Texas Independence Brownsville Historical Association in Brownsville, Texas.
- Mills, J. W., (January 17, 2008). *Zachary Taylor's Military Campaign in South Texas, with Emphasis on the U S Military Occupation of Matamoros*, UTB/TSC Island Lecture Series UTB/TSC in South Padre Island, TX.
- Mills, J. W., (February 2007). *The Brownsville Raid*, Black History Month Brownsville Historical Association in Brownsville, Texas.
- Mills, J. W., (November 14, 2006). *1776 (by David McCullough)*, Resaca Readers Club Barnes and Noble in Brownsville, Texas.
- Mills, J. W., (August 13, 2006). *100th Anniversary of the Brownsville Raid*, 100th Anniversary of the Brownsville Raid Brownsville Historical Association in Brownsville, Texas.
- Mills, J. W., (March 12, 2006). *Texas Independence*, Texas History Brownsville Historical Association in Brownsville, Texas.
- Mills, J. W., (August 30, 2002). *"Adjunct Faculty: What They Do, What They Need."*, UTB/TSC History Department Presentation UTB/TSC History Department in UTB/TSC.
- Mills, J. W., (April 2001). *"Heroes: University Tutors and Supplemental Instruction Leaders."*, University Series Learning Assistance Center in Richardson Art Gallery, UTB/TSC campus.
- Mills, J. W., (April 1998). *"How to Ease Test Anxiety."*, Studying for "A's." Learning Assistance Center in UTB/TSC.

## Media Contributions

### Internet

Expert of the Month. (March 2011).

### Newspaper

Brownsville Herald. (January 6, 2016).

The Collegian. (September 26, 2011).

The Brownsville Herald. (June 26, 2005).  
Rumbo del Valle. (November 8, 2004).  
The Valley Morning Star. (July 12, 2004).  
The Brownsville Herald. (1998).  
The Brownsville Herald. (1998).  
The Brownsville Herald. (September 3, 1998).  
The Brownsville Herald. (March 8, 1998).

### **Other**

Teaching Mantra Video 3 CTE. (January 29, 2020).  
Video taped interview by UTB/TSC Media Services. (September 2006).

## **Research Currently in Progress**

"U.S. - Mexican War: From Corpus Christi to Camargo." (On-Going).  
I have completed the first chapter of this book project.

## **SERVICE**

### **Department Service**

Committee Member, 3-Year Lecturer Committee. (August 21, 2020 - Present).  
Participant, UTRGV Registration Showcase. (March 19, 2024).  
Participant, 2024 Rio Grande Valley Regional History Day Contest. (February 17, 2024).  
Participant, TSC Recruitment Fair. (November 28, 2023).  
Participant, UTRGV Recruitment Days. (November 28, 2023).  
Committee Member, Faculty Search Committee. (November 8, 2023).  
Committee Member, UTRGV History Department Outreach Committee. (October 24, 2023).  
Attendee, Meeting, Vaquero Roundup - Student Orientation. (August 17, 2023).  
Faculty Advisor, TExES (Texas Examinations of Educator Standards). (2003 - 2022).  
Committee Member, Adjunct Professional Search Committee. (July 2022).  
Participant. (March 31, 2022).  
Participant, Vaquero Roundup Orientation. (August 21, 2021).

Participant, Vaquero Roundup Orientation. (August 20, 2021).

Committee Member, Rudy de la Garza Scholarship funding luncheon. (April 15, 2021).

Participant, Assessment of Artifacts. (December 7, 2020).

Participant, Zoom interview. (September 23, 2020).

Committee Member, Scholarship Committee - Internship. (November 27, 2019).

Attendee, Meeting, Face-to-Face Faculty Search Committee Training. (November 8, 2019).

Participant, Texas Oral History Association. (November 4, 2019).

Committee Member, Rudy de la Garza Scholarship Fund. (October 29, 2019).

Committee Member, Adjunct Search Committee Member. (October 23, 2019 - October 24, 2019).

Attendee, Meeting, Texas Historic Commission Meeting and Visit. (October 3, 2019).

Participant, HIST 3300. (September 23, 2019).

Committee Member, Assessment. (May 10, 2019 - August 31, 2019).

Committee Member, Rudy de la Garza Scholarship Committee. (January 2018 - August 2019).

Committee Member, Adjunct Qualifications Verification Committee. (August 5, 2019).

Committee Member, 3-Year Faculty Search Committee. (August 2018 - May 2019).

Committee Member, Assessment. (May 2018 - May 2019).

Committee Member, Scholarship Committee. (September 2016 - May 2019).

Committee Member, Credential Review Committee for History Adjuncts and OYAs. (January 2018 - December 2018).

Committee Member, HIST - Adjunct Search Committee. (January 2018 - December 2018).

Financial Contributor, Gerhard Grytz Scholarship Fund. (2010 - 2017).

Committee Member, Rondel Davidson History Lecture Series. (February 2016 - 2016).

Attendee, Meeting, My History Lab. (April 2013).

Attendee, Meeting, Learning Objectives and Rubrics. (March 2013).

Committee Member, NCATE (National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education). (2010 - 2012).

Committee Chair, Chair - History Department Curriculum Committee. (2007 - 2012).

Committee Member, History Department Curriculum Committee. (2003 - 2012).

Committee Member, Evaluation of Student Learning Outcomes. (December 2011).

Committee Member, Transition Advisory Council. (May 2011).

Faculty Mentor, CAMP (College Assistance Migrant Program). (August 2005 - May 2011).

Collaborator, Commemorative Air Force Museum. (April 2011).

Faculty Advisor, Civic Engagement. (January 2011 - April 2011).

Faculty Advisor. (2002 - 2010).

Committee Member, Observation of Dual Enrollment. (November 12, 2009).

Committee Member, Dual Enrollment - Porter High School, Brownsville, TX. (October 16, 2008).

Grant Recipient, Center for Civic Engagement. (May 2007).

Student Placement, Scorpionation. (October 25, 2006).

Committee Co-Chair, Border History and Culture Club. (August 2004 - May 2006).

Representative, State Employee Charitable Campaign. (August 2003 - May 2005).

Committee Member, Social Studies Composite Committee. (2004).

Committee Member, Academic Programs Futures Commission. (2003 - 2004).

Attendee, Meeting, 12th Annual Ranching Heritage Symposium. (February 20, 2004).

Attendee, Meeting, Washington, D. C. Advisory Group LLC Conference. (December 2, 2003).

Faculty Advisor, ExCET (Examination for the Certification of Educators in Texas). (August 2001 - May 2003).

## **College Service**

Attendee, Meeting, Walter Pierce Study Abroad Scholarship Committee. (May 15, 2023).

Nominator, The National Society of Leadership and Success. (July 15, 2022).

Participant, Academic Advising Progress Report Campaign and Student Feedback Request. (March 23, 2020).

Committee Member, Walter Pierce Study Abroad Scholarship. (May 10, 2019).

Faculty Mentor, Discover UTRGV. (February 10, 2018).

Attendee, Meeting, Texas Southmost College 4th Annual Veterans Day Ceremony. (November 11, 2016).

Letter of Support, Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award. (January 27, 2016).

## **University Service**

Donor, E-copy of "Memories of Fort Brown.". (November 2017 - Present).

Committee Member, UTRGV Academy of Distinguished Teachers. (September 2017 - Present).

Committee Member, Rio Grande Valley Civil War Trail Project. (2014 - Present).

ROTA / Teaching mantra video. (January 21, 2020).

Faculty Mentor, S. I. (Supplemental Instruction). (2000 - 2016).

Attendee, Award Ceremony, Distinguished Community Engagement Partner Award 2016. (April 21, 2016).

Faculty Mentor, L2S (Link2Success). (2014 - 2015).

Coordinated the attendance of World War II veterans to attend and be honored, Veterans Upward Bound, 16th Annual Veterans Day Ceremony. (November 11, 2015).

Attendee, Meeting, UTRGV Center for Teaching Excellence. (September 2015).

Committee Chair, 2014 Regents Outstanding Teaching Award selection committee. (2014).

Special Institutional Assignment, Summer Bridge Program for increased Student Success. (June 2014 - July 2014).

Committee Member, Math & Science Academy. (2006 - 2013).

Committee Member, UTB/TSC Library Card Committee. (2006 - 2013).

Attendee, Meeting, NCATE Accreditation Workshop. (January 2013).

Committee Member, Milo Kearney Scholarship Endowment. (December 2012).

coordinator, Rudy de la Garza Scholarship Fund. (December 2012).

Special Institutional Assignment, Dolares Huerta Essay Contest. (September 2012).

Committee Chair, CASE U.S. Professor of the Year Selection Committee. (April 2012).

Book Donations, UTB/TSC University Libraries. (April 2012).

Special Institutional Assignment, Assessment of Student Outcomes. (January 2012).

Moderator, Manifold of Greatness: The Creation and Afterlife of the King James Bible. (January 26, 2012).

Attendee, Meeting, Supplemental Instruction. (August 2011).

Attendee, Meeting, Data Summit - Building a Culture of Evidence for Student Success. (August 18, 2011).

Task Force Member, Project 100%. (January 2011 - May 2011).

Attendee, Orientation, Scorpionation (UTB/TSC). (July 28, 2010).

Member/ Financial Supporter, President's Circle Fund. (2005 - 2009).

Financial Contributor, Distinguished Lecture Series. (2004 - 2009).

Guest Speaker, Math & Science Academy Senior Banquet. (May 2, 2009).



Committee Chair, CASE U.S. Professor of the Year Award Selection Committee. (April 2009).

Member/ Financial Supporter, Student Alumni Association. (2004 - 2008).

Attendee, Meeting, South Texas Historical Association. (November 1, 2008).

Attendee, Orientation, Texas Scorpion Day. (March 5, 2008).

Committee Member, Liberal Arts Anniversary Committee. (2006 - 2007).

Financial Contributor, UTB/TSC Arts and Entertainment. (2003 - 2007).

Workshop Organizer, Palo Alto National Battlesite. (2006).

Attendee, Award Ceremony, Distinguished Lecture Series - David McCullough. (October 16, 2006 - October 17, 2006).

Campus History Tour, University of Houston Health Science. (July 17, 2006).

Financial Contributor, Patrons of the Arts. (2003 - 2005).

Special Institutional Assignment, Ford Foundation Scholarship Program. (2003).

Committee Member, Title V: Learning Communities Cohort. (August 2001 - May 2002).

## **Public Service**

Member, Texas State Historical Association, Austin, Texas. (January 2022 - Present).

Guest Speaker, Brownsville Rotary Club, Brownsville, TX. (November 1, 2023).

Advisory Board Member, Fort Brown Preservation, Brownsville, TX. (March 17, 2022).

Member, Brownsville Historical Association, Brownsville, TX. (February 24, 2021 - February 23, 2021).

Board Member, Original Fort Brown Earthworks Preservation, Brownsville, TX. (January 2016 - December 2020).

Judge, Brownsville Independent School District, Brownsville, Texas. (January 11, 2020).

Advisory Board Member, Palo Alto National Park Committee, Brownsville, TX. (January 2016 - December 2019).

Discussant, Texas Historic Commission "Park Day 2019", Brownsville, TX. (April 13, 2019).

Judge, Rio Grande Valley Regional History Day Contest, Brownsville, Texas. (February 23, 2019).

Tour Guide, Brownsville Historical Association, Brownsville, Texas. (February 2, 2019).

Service Award, Brownsville Historical Association, Brownsville, Texas. (January 20, 2019).

Judge, Brownsville Independent School District, Brownsville, Texas. (January 12, 2019).

Board Member, Brownsville Historical Association, Brownsville, Texas. (January 1, 2018 -

December 31, 2018).

Attendee, Meeting, Fort Texas/Fort Brown Earthworks Expansion and Protection, Brownsville, TEXAS. (June 22, 2016 - December 31, 2018).

Attendee, Meeting, Good Neighbor Settlement House, Brownsville, Texas. (2016 - December 31, 2018).

Guest Speaker, Brownsville Historical Association, Brownsville, Texas. (February 2, 2018).

Judge, Brownsville Independent School District, Brownsville, Texas. (January 13, 2018).

Officer, Vice President, Brownsville Historical Association, Brownsville, Texas. (January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2017).

Board Member, Brownsville Historical Association, Brownsville, Texas. (January 1, 2007 - December 31, 2017).

Judge, Brownsville Independent School District, Brownsville, Texas. (January 14, 2017).

Officer, Secretary, South Texas Historical Association, Kingsville, TEXAS. (April 30, 2016 - 2016).

Discussant, Brownsville Historical Association, Brownsville, Texas. (2010 - 2016).

Discussant, Brownsville Historical Association, Brownsville, Texas. (2007 - 2016).

Historic Walking Tour, Brownsville Historical Association, Brownsville, TEXAS. (October 26, 2016).

Moderator of Panel Discussion, Brownsville Historical Association, Brownsville, Texas. (August 6, 2016).

Workshop Organizer, Brownsville Historical Association, Brownsville, TEXAS. (August 5, 2016).

Program Organizer, Brownsville Historical Association, Brownsville, TEXAS. (January 2016 - May 2016).

Program Coordinator, Brownsville Historical Association, Brownsville, TEXAS. (April 8, 2016).

Discussant, Brownsville Historical Association, Brownsville, Texas. (March 4, 2016).

Judge, Brownsville Independent School District, Brownsville, Texas. (January 9, 2016).

Guest Speaker, Brownsville Historical Association, Brownsville, Texas. (October 2015).

Guest Speaker, Brownsville Historical Association, Brownsville, Texas. (October 21, 2015).

Guest Speaker, Cameron County Commissioners, Brownsville, Texas. (August 15, 2013).

Committee Member, ALL IN / United Way Post secondary Success, Brownsville, Texas. (August 12, 2013 - August 14, 2013).

Officer, Secretary, Brownsville Historical Association, Brownsville, Texas. (January 1, 2008 - December 31, 2012).

Member, Descendants of Mexican War Veterans, Garland, Texas. (2008 - 2012).

Member, University of Arkansas - Fort Smith, Brownsville, Texas. (November 2012).

Committee Member, Brownsville Partners for Postsecondary Success, Brownsville, Texas. (August 13, 2012 - August 15, 2012).

Collaborator, World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument - Pearl Harbor National Park Serive, Brownsville, Hawaii. (December 2011).

Member, Palm Society of South Texas, Brownsville, Texas. (January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011).

Member, South Texas Historical Association, kingsville, Texas. (2008 - 2011).

Coordinator, United States Senate, Brownsville, Texas. (November 2011).

Committee Member, Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation, Brownsville, Texas. (August 2011).

Judge, Brownsville Independent School District, Brownsville, Texas. (January 2011).

Member, Palo Alto Battlefield National Park Committee, Brownsville, Texas. (2008 - 2010).

Guest Speaker, Brownsville Independent School District, Brownsville, Texas. (February 2009).

Member, Old City Cemetery Committee, Brownsville, Texas. (2007 - 2008).

Instructor, Brownsville Independent School District/ UTBTSC - Summer Prep Camp, Brownsville, Texas. (June 2008).

Attendee, Meeting, Mr. Amigo Celebration - Charro Days, Brownsville, Texas. (February 23, 2007).

Judge, Brownsville Independent School District, Brownsville, Texas. (January 2005).

## **Consulting**

Academic, Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award guidance, UTRGV. (March 22, 2021).

\* indicates undergraduate student

\*\* indicates graduate student