

### **James Harvey**

Originally from Alvin, Texas, James Harvey is a noted scholar in the field of country music history. In addition to writing numerous peer reviews for Oxford University Press, James has published over 60 feature articles in *Texas Hot Country Magazine*. A former student at ACC, James has taught courses in history, geography, philosophy, humanities, and music at ACC for the past 17 years, including his most popular course, American Music-Country, which he developed and has taught for the past 11 years. He was co-owner and sales manager of B&H Music Company for 19 years, and is now in his 30<sup>th</sup> year as a private guitar instructor.

An active singer/songwriter, James recently recorded two of his original songs. James fronted his own classic country dance band, The Ramblers, for 27 years. He was also the bassist for the popular Cole Degges Band for the past three years. James can be seen performing acoustic country music with his wife Leandra as the popular duo The Harveys: James & Leandra primarily at the Main Street Steakhouse in Danbury. They also perform Contemporary Christian music as worship leaders at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Clute. Now in their 33<sup>rd</sup> year as a duo, The Harveys: James & Leandra have toured and performed in 49 states, Mexico, Canada, the Caribbean, and the British Isles. They live in Angleton, and recently celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.