Dave Kindred has been named the Boxing Writers Association of America's 2012 recipient of the Nat Fleischer Award for "Excellence in Boxing Journalism." The vote for the Fleischer Award is comprised solely of past winners.

Over the years, Dave Kindred has been a reporter and columnist for the Washington Post, Louisville Courier-Journal, Atlanta Journal-Constitution, and numerous other publications. The quality of his writing has set a standard for boxing coverage that has seldom been equaled. In addition, he has authored nine books, including Sound and Fury, which examined the intertwined lives of Muhammad Ali and Howard Cosell.

Kindred's accomplishments culminated in his being honored by the Associated Press Sports Editors as a recipient of sports journalism's highest honor: the Red Smith Award for lifetime achievement. He is also a member of the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association Hall of Fame.

He presently is a director of Indiana University's National Sports Journalism Center, an adjunct professor at both Bradley University and Illinois Wesleyan University, and a contributing writer for SportsOnEarth.com

Kindred was ecstatic when told of this latest honor.

"I'm thrilled to be on a list that begins with Barney Nagler, my first ringside mentor, and includes another two dozen reporters whose work taught me how to do it."

Kindred will be officially honored at the BWAA's annual awards banquet scheduled for the Spring, the date and location to be announced in the coming weeks.

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