

Biography

Louise Marlow

Louise Marlow received her B.A. and M.A. degrees from Cambridge University and her Ph.D. from Princeton University. She is currently Director of Middle Eastern Studies at Wellesley College. Her research lies in the fields of medieval West Asian history and Arabic and Persian literature, and she is particularly concerned with advice literature, 'mirrors for princes' and related genres.

Her recent publications include 'A Thirteenth-century scholar in the eastern Mediterranean: Sirāj al-Dīn Urmavī, jurist, logician, diplomat', *al-Masāq: Islam and the Medieval Mediterranean*, 22 (iii) (2010), 279-313; 'Surveying recent literature on the Arabic and Persian mirrors for princes genre', *History Compass* VII (2) (2009), 523-38; and 'A Samanid work of counsel and commentary: The *Naṣīhat al-mulūk* of Pseudo-Māwardī', *Iran* 44 (2007), 181-92.

She is currently engaged in a study of literary works composed in Khurasan during the tenth and eleventh centuries and the diverse cultural and linguistic milieu in which they were produced. She is also the editor of *The Rhetoric of Biography: Narrating Lives in Persianate Societies* (Boston: Ilex Foundation and Washington, D. C.: Center for Hellenic Studies, 2011) and *Dreaming across Boundaries: The Interpretation of Dreams in Islamic Lands* (Boston: Ilex Foundation and Washington, D. C.: Center for Hellenic Studies, 2008).