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Dr. Blockson earned her doctorate in Strategy, Environment, and Organizations from the University of Pittsburgh's Katz Graduate School of Business. She earned both her baccalaureate and master's degrees in Business Administration from Florida A&M University's School of Business & Industry in Tallahassee. Before pursuing the doctorate, Laquita worked for Taco Bell Corporation, AT&T, and LG&E Energy Corporation. She is a former member of the Board of Examiners for the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award program and a former director of the South Carolina Women's Business Center, a statewide Small Business Administration agency.

Laquita is a business/organizational effectiveness expert and scholar who conducts research on entrepreneurial ethics, social venturing, corporate-community relations, urban economic development and minority women entrepreneurs. She has received grants and monetary awards for her research and her pedagogical approaches from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, the National Science Foundation, VentureWell, Habitat for Humanity International and the United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship, among other entities. Dr. Blockson has received several accolades, including the 2005 Academy of Management Best Mentoring Practices Award for co-founding and leading the Management Faculty of Color Association, an organization founded in 2001 to provide guidance and support to African-American, Hispanic-American and Native American Management professors and scholars.

Dean Blockson enjoys sharing her knowledge and expertise with multiple audiences within the nonprofit, governmental, corporate and higher education sectors. A few of her previous clients include Nissan North America, YMCA of the USA, the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, and the United Negro College Fund.