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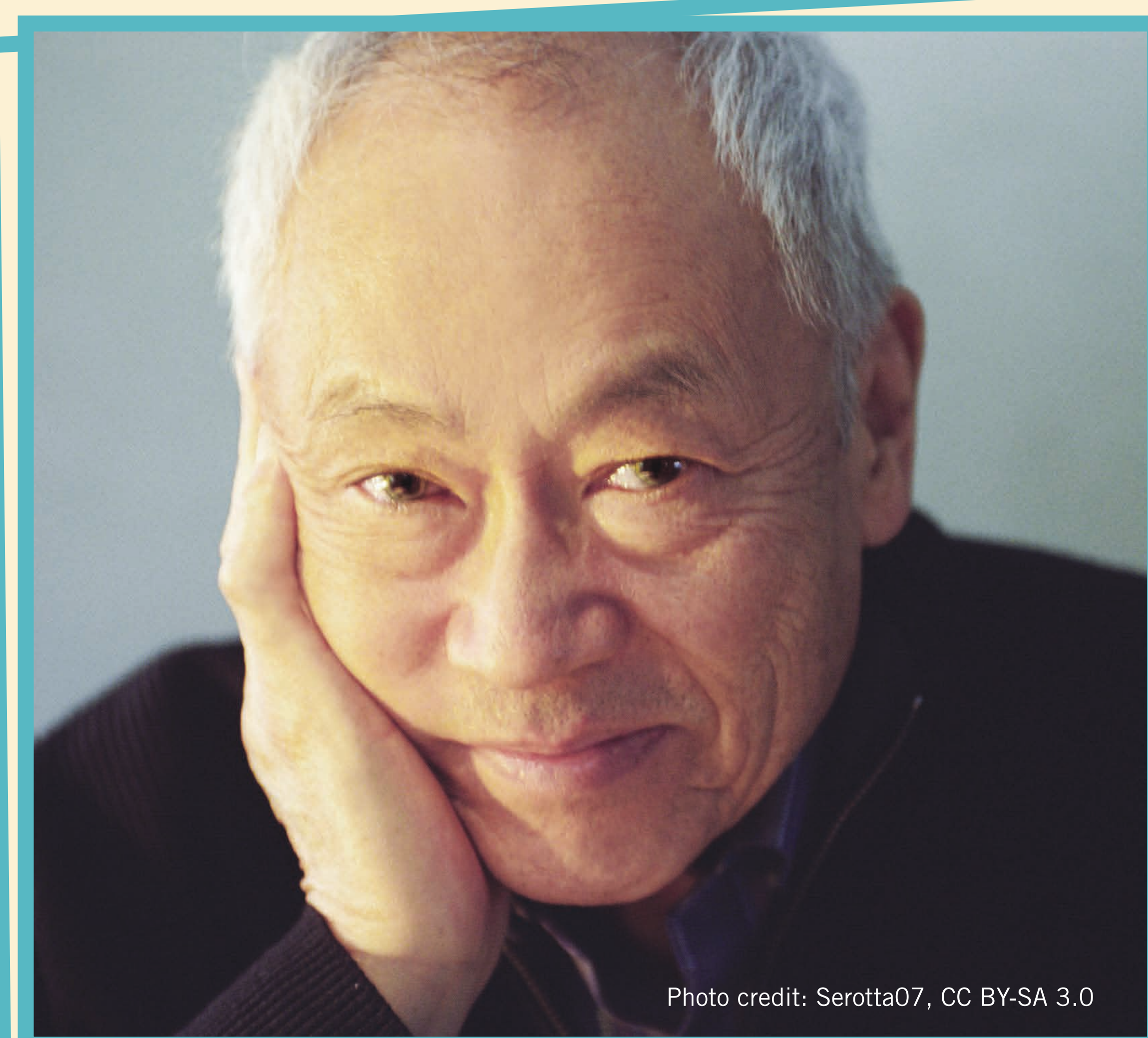
DR. MUN CHOI

Dr. Mun Young Choi was born in South Korea and emigrated to the U.S. in 1973 with his family. He is the first administrator to hold dual roles as Chancellor of the University of Missouri-Columbia and President of the four-campus University of Missouri system. He led efforts to invest in UM System research, opening the door for key discoveries in cancer treatment, traumatic brain injuries and rare musculoskeletal diseases. His efforts have also increased health care access for Missourians.



GYO OBATA

Gyo Obata co-founded the global architectural firm HOK based in St. Louis. He died March 8, 2022, at the age of 99. Obata designed several notable buildings, including the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C, and the St. Louis Science Center. Due to his family's Japanese heritage, he was nearly interned with other Japanese Americans during World War II. Instead, he moved to St. Louis to study architecture at Washington University – one of the only universities in the U.S. willing to accept Japanese American students at that time.



ANNA S. HUI

Anna Hui was born in Taiwan and emigrated to the U.S. with her family at the age of 1. She was appointed Director of the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations in March of 2017. In January 2018, she was confirmed by the Missouri Senate, making her the first American of Asian descent to serve in the governor's cabinet in Missouri history. Hui has worked for over two decades in senior positions in state and federal government. She has endeavored to improve citizen service delivery, provide good stewardship of taxpayer dollars, and promote inclusion and diversity.

