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I will discuss a topological description of (the $qt=1$ specialization of) the Carlsson-Mellit algebra A_{qt} and its polynomial representation. This topological description uses the HOMFLY-PT skein relation or, equivalently, Hecke algebras in type A. By categorifying these ideas we obtain a weak categorical action of the full A_{qt} on categories related to Soergel bimodules (this complements work of Carlsson–Gorsky–Mellit which gives a Hilbert scheme interpretation of A_{qt}). This is joint work with Nicolle Gonzalez. (Received January 18, 2022)